

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

(Taken from [50 Indoor Activities for Kids on a Rainy Day | Mommy Poppins - Things to Do with Kids](#))

1. [Bake](#) without losing your sanity.
2. Whip up a [batch of slime](#) and challenge your young scientist to define its state of matter.
3. Let the kids raid your closet and put on a fashion show.
4. Cuddle up with a [pile of books](#).
5. Build, create, and invent with [STEM-inspired toys](#).
6. Play "Simon Says" or "Follow the Leader."
7. Grab a deck of cards and teach your kids the simple joys of [Rummy](#), [Spit](#), or [Slapjack](#).
8. Gather the family to enjoy a [story podcast](#).
9. [Make your own instruments](#); then, lead a marching band parade through the living room.
10. Burn some energy with one of [these 25 indoor exercise games](#).
11. [Pop some kernels](#) and watch a classic movie.
12. Try these [imaginative DIY sensory games](#) for the babies and tots.
13. Write letters (on actual paper with actual pens and pencils) to out-of-town relatives or friends.
14. Bake a [mug cake](#).
15. Freeze Dance using a playlist inspired by [these city-based kindie bands](#).
16. Do anything that involves bubble wrap.
17. Buy pre-made frosting (and even cupcakes) and set up a cupcake decorating station with whatever candies, nuts, and sprinkles you have on hand.
18. Blow up some balloons, toss 'em in the air, and don't let them touch the ground, or grab some paddles for [balloon tennis](#).
19. [Learn to code](#).
20. Keep your heart rate up with Wii Fit or Xbox One games.
21. Make a [marshmallow catapult](#) and see who can catch the most in their mouth.
22. Try these easy [at-home crafts](#) for preschoolers, or whip up a set of [fairy wings](#) for more imaginative play.
23. Have a [tie-dye party](#), or opt for an easier [tie-dye alternative](#) (with built-in science lesson!).
24. Make a watercolor masterpiece.
25. Pull out the building blocks and Legos and create a mini city.
26. Embrace your inner Einstein with cool [science experiments](#).
27. Play "I Spy" or "21 Questions."
28. Make paper-bag puppets and put on a show.

29. Craft the [easiest bird feeder ever](#).
30. Become an [origami master](#).
31. Grab some sheets and make a good old-fashioned fort. Perfect for playtime—and naptime!
32. Fill the kitchen sink with bath toys, give them a bottle of soap, and let them have at it.
33. Bake simple salt-dough ornaments and then paint them into seasonal designs, such as [Easter eggs](#), or use whatever cookie cutter shapes you have available.
34. Tackle a challenging puzzle as a family.
35. Play-Doh.
36. Explore NYC—in a book!
37. Challenge your brood to a game of charades.
38. Then find your voices with a karaoke concert.
39. Make your own [granola bars](#).
40. Use hallways for classic games like "Red Light, Green Light" and "Leap Frog."
41. Decorate pinecones, paint flower pots, or make leaf art.
42. Go bowling [at home](#).
43. Build an [indoor obstacle course](#)!
44. Pillow fight—'nuff said.
45. Get all dressed up and host your own fancy tea party (be sure to invite the dolls and stuffed animals).
46. Crack open those [activity books](#) you have piled up.
47. Get everyone together for a family scavenger hunt.
48. Create [colorful salt paintings](#).
49. Have an indoor "camp out" with sleeping bags, a tent, board games, and s'mores.
50. Cook dinner together.

MORE ACTIVITIES

(Taken from [50 activities parents and kids can do together during coronavirus closures](#))

1. Spend 30 mins each day learning a new topic
2. Bake something every day
3. Write a letter and/or email to a different friend or family member each day
4. Races of various kinds in the backyard (hopping on one foot, crabwalk, walking backwards, etc.)
5. Stop motion animation with playdough
6. FaceTime grandparents
7. Learn the parts of plants/flowers and how they function
8. Write a short story and illustrate it

9. Learn how to do simple book binding
10. Board games
11. Card games
12. Build a Lego masterpiece
13. Learn to sew
14. Make a scrapbook
15. Make tents and reading caves
16. Have a shadow show in the reading tent
17. Get binoculars and learn about the birds near your house, look them up on google and search for their birdcalls on YouTube
18. Learn how to make a stuffed animal
19. Play with cornstarch and water and cheap action figures
20. Family puzzles. Ones that are 500-1000 pieces and a challenging but not frustrating picture
21. Write a story cooperatively. One person picks a character and the other picks a setting
22. Any and all art is fun at home: Beading, painting, drawing, play dough or kinetic sand, sewing, etc.
23. Zumba or dance-along videos on YouTube
24. Draw self portraits on blank faces
25. Indoor or outdoor scavenger hunts
26. Learn to write computer code
27. Build a doll house
28. Give the dogs a bath and brush
29. Wash and clean the cars
30. Play with sidewalk chalk outside
31. Glow stick party
32. Movie marathon
33. Listen to kid podcasts
34. Declutter toys!
35. Have an Olympics with a bunch of competitions - funny ones, helpful ones like cleaning and really fun ones like minute to win in style.
36. Dig up all the activity books, presents, etc that never got played with, and use those!
37. Do a study on planets, then have kids create their own planets- how big is it, where in the universe is it located, atmosphere conditions, can it sustain life, how long is a day/year, name it, etc
38. Design a space craft from household items. Spend some time pretending you're on different planets with different gravity, you could seriously spend a whole week on just fun space activities.
39. Puzzle races: Put several puzzles (20+ piece puzzles) In a paper bag and shake it up. Pour pieces out and give each person the puzzle box they are to put together. Go!
40. Make ice cream
41. Make and play with play dough
42. Camp out in the backyard

43. Box Road - Flatten out a box and draw a road in marker. Add blocks, trucks and other toys for kids to build a city
44. Toy-Washing Bin - Let your kids wash their plastic toys. Add tear-free bubbles, sponges, towels and other supplies
45. Family dance party
46. Build a bridge or building with toothpicks or Q-tips.
47. Make a time capsule! One day your kids can use it to tell their kids all about this craziness
48. Make an indoor obstacle course
49. Play "I Spy" inside or out the window
50. Practice origami