## Things to do with kids indoors or in the garden

1. Make Playdough

- 2. Grab a torch and make shadow puppets on the walls
- 3. Fold a piece of paper accordion-style, cut out paper dolls holding hands then colour them in
- 4. Indoor obstacle course (create zig zag laser lines in the hallway with string and get the kids to wriggle underneath or hop inbetween them.)
- 5. Make a den under the kitchen table, take in torches, cushions and snacks
- 6. Think of five things beginning with a letter
- 7. Glow stick bath
- 8. Have an empty chocolate box? Make pretend chocolates out of plasticine to go in it
- 9. Build a spaghetti and marshmallow tower
- 10. Put on a show!
- 11. Line a baking tray with foil, fill it with water and freeze it's an ice rink for toys, or a science experiment to see which items have the most traction when you slide them around
- 12. Finger painting draw faces onto your prints afterwards to create bugs, people and more
- 13. Make flower perfume with water and flowers in the garden
- 14. Gather leaves, paint them and press them onto paper
- 15. Have a dance party! Glow sticks add extra fun.
- 16. Play hide and seek
- 17. Set a Lego challenge (can you build me a dinosaur? A spaceship?)
- 18. Build something with clean recycling
- 19. Learn how to tie shoe laces
- 20. Teach them how to knit or sew
- 21. Write funny sentences onto slips of paper, fold them up and put them into a hat then pull them
- out one at a time, reading aloud to hear your hilarious story unfold!
- 22. Use up any old craft kits/colouring books
- 23. Make paper bag puppets
- 24. Bake something using simple ingredients
- 25. Make faces using bits and pieces from the garden
- 26. Choose a fairytale (or any book), and have each person pretend to be a character with one of you
- as an interviewer/journalist to ask you all questions. Answer them in character!
- 27. Do a simple science experiment such as a volcano, or pour lukewarm water over Skittles sweets on

- 52. Do a blind taste test (blindfold the kids and feed them a range of sweet, salty, sour flavours and let them guess what they're eating)
- 53. Decorate biscuits (any cheap biscuit will do if you don't want to bake your own, make up some icing and use sprinkles)
- 54. Have a movie day with popcorn
- 55. Do a chore together
- 56. Plant some veggies in the garden
- 57. Write letters to grandparents
- 58. Create a secret code



- 59. Start your own newspaper and have the kids write about what is happening. They could interview relatives and friends over the phone for quotes
- 60. Request a song over the radio challenge friends to do the same and see who gets theirs on first!
- 61. Make a bug hotel with things from the garden
- 62. Ask the kids to make a reward chart for the parents!
- 63. Dig out old board games
- 64.Do a limbo!
- 65. Have a pillow fight
- 66. Write a journal
- 67. Play Simon Says
- 68. Learn some card games
- 69. Play charades
- 70. Pick a country and learn all about it
- 71. Read a book together
- 72. Do a mini history project; choose a person/event, research it and write about it or make a
- poster/cartoon
- 73. Play hangman
- 74. Learn a few words of a new language
- 75. Play skittles (use action figures or tin cans and a ball)
- 76. Have a World Book Day dig into the dressing up box and do crafts themed around a book



a plate to make a rainbow

28. Make invisible ink

29. Do a jigsaw puzzle

30. Make origami flowers and spritz with a tiny bit of perfume

31. Create a sock puppet

32. Make up a story by each taking it in turns to write/say a line

33. Repurpose cardboard boxes into a dolls house, hospital, vet, parking garage — anything you like!

34. Make a peg dolly (wooden pegs are best)

35. Put on a fashion show

36. Play 1 Spy

37. Do yoga (Cosmic Kids is great)

38. Learn finger knitting

39. Make a time capsule

40. Cut out pictures from a magazine then glue and stick

41. Create a "Favorite Memories" or "Thankful" jar

42. Make bookmarks

43. Build a cardboard castle and paint it

44. Make a paper boat then float it in the bath

45. Paint rocks from your garden

46. Make a suncatcher or a dream catcher

47. Draw a self portrait

48. Have a treasure hunt

49. Plant cress heads (the McDonalds Happy Meal Mr Men cups are great for this!)

50. Let the kids do your hair (if you dare!!!) and makeup

51. Have a "Virtual Bake Off" contest with your friends — post your pics (or videos) online in a

Whatsapp group and have a bonus prize for the messiest!



99. Create masks using paper plates

100. Download a movie-making app and make movies with your toys

101. Make musical instruments — it could be as simple as a drum kit with kitchen pans and spoons! Or you could use elastic bands as guitar strings, or dried rice for shakers.



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