

# 100 Things to Do with Your Child This Summer!

1. Have a scavenger hunt in the house or in your tool box to learn about tools
2. Get the bikes cleaned up and ride bikes
3. Play hide-and-seek in the house and in the yard at night
4. Make mazes/puzzles for each other to solve
5. Spin the dial on the radio and dance around with your kids to whatever song comes on.
6. Tell your kids a story about your life as a kid when you were their age or grade
7. Turn off the TV 1 night a week (see what happens!)
8. Take your children to the book store (don't buy anything)
9. Go for a Sunday (or Saturday) drive with your kids. Play the ABC game, drive around your town until someone gets all 26 letters.
10. Watch an old movie with your children (fix popcorn) Try a silent comedy.
11. Watch a nature film with the sound OFF and make up the dialogue with your kid.
12. Walk around the block with your child
13. Visit a local museum with your child
14. Take your child on a special dress-up date (dress up like pirates and go eat fish!)
15. Take your child with you on a business trip.
16. Take a road trip and stop wherever your child wants to stop. Go 100 miles in any direction, then turn around and come home a different way
17. Write a story with your child. Take turns writing sentences
18. Cook a meal with your child. Let them be the "chef"
19. Play in the sprinkler or have a water gun battle.
20. Find a campfire and sit around it (with or without Kum Ba Yah)

21. Go to the public library, sign up for a card and check out a book
22. Have a paper airplane building/flying contest — use the newspaper or old telephone book
23. Paint or draw a picture together
24. Create a fort out of blankets or boxes
25. Go on a hike — create a map of your adventure
26. Have a sunset picnic at a park
27. Play board games
28. Play kickball Play Kickball with a Beach ball (add a little water in the ball to make it crazy!)
29. Get up early, pack breakfast, and have a sunrise breakfast
30. Have a pillow fight
31. Play card games or use the cards to build a house
32. Bake cookies —let your child look through cookbooks to find a recipe
33. Go to the zoo or act like every zoo animal at home!
34. Shop at a thrift shop
35. Create a blog or FACEBOOK page together
36. Create a scrapbook
37. Make a movie using a camcorder and computer
38. Finger paint-study your fingerprints
39. Make play dough from scratch
40. Make homemade mini-pizzas (bagels, cheese, and tomato sauce)
41. Make hand-painted T-shirts —Dad and me
42. Set up a hammock, make lemonade, relax together
43. Go to a public place, people watch and make up imaginary stories about people.
44. Write a letter to a family together
45. Paint or decorate the kids' room
46. Transform the garage into a hideout for just one weekend (or all summer)
47. Visit a retirement community and interview tenants about the "good old days"

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48. Find a small museum in your town and visit.
49. Visit/tour a local college or technical school.
50. "Adopt" a section of road near your house and keep it spotless all summer.
51. Adopt an older neighbor and keep their yard for the summer
52. Buy one package of "popsicle" sticks and make the biggest structure you can. Glue or not.
53. Make milkshakes
54. Play freeze tag
55. Create a treasure hunt leaving clues around the house or yard
56. Do a science experiment
57. Play checkers or teach them to play chess
58. Learn two magic tricks together
59. Create a family book, with information and pictures about each family member
60. Help your child write a "fake" autobiography. Help them think about what they want to do in the future.
61. Fly kites
62. Together clean out the basement or garage and donate stuff to charity
63. Compete in a three-legged or other race as a family team
64. Create an obstacle course
65. Create a miniature golf course and play together
66. Pitch a tent and sleep outside (or inside)
67. Play loud music and dance crazy (in Walmart!!!)
68. Write and produce a play (perform before other family members)
69. Paint each other's faces
70. Dance with their mom in front of the children
71. Have a water balloon fight
72. Use chalk to draw in the driveway or sidewalk
73. Play Hop-Scotch
74. Explore your yard/look for 10 different insects
75. Play a trivia game. Make up trivia questions about each other
76. Play school with your child. Have the child be the teacher
77. Make puppets with old socks and stuff from the junk drawer Write a play for puppets.
78. Make a comic book together
79. Take turns saying tongue twisters
80. Sing patriotic songs
81. Tell ghost stories in the dark with a flashlight
82. Play waffle ball with the neighborhood kids
83. Teach your child how to play red light-green light or Mother May I?
84. Bake a cake and decorate it together
85. Thumb-wrestle, play mercy, or have a tickle fight
86. Learn to juggle or play jacks together
87. Laugh 400 times today — keep count
88. Make a collage of you and your child together
89. Wash a car together with your child
90. Play match the landmark (i.e. Gateway Arch — St. Louis)
91. Volunteer together
92. Read a chapter book with your child — each read a page- even with teens!
93. Create imaginary businesses — think of what you would do, what you need, how to overcome barriers, what you would do if you were successful in that area
94. Paint a paint-by-number oil painting together. Hang it in a place of pride
95. Finger paint with older kids as well as younger ones.
96. Study a map of the US together. Make places you would like to see together and dream about that
97. Make a lanyard together out of string, shoe laces, etc.
98. See how many different leaves your can collect and identify together
99. Take your child to tour a dairy, a newspaper press, a factory, or a stadium.
100. Find a local youth sports team. Go to every game, become their biggest fan. Make signs.