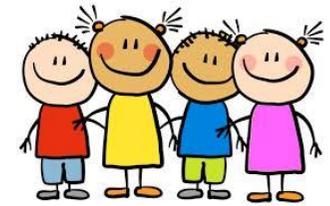




Free or low-cost activities to keep you entertained...



Make a card for someone - maybe for Mother's Day / Easter / Friendship etc.

Scrap Book - Sort through some photographs to print off to make a scrap book.

Clear Out - Have a sort out of things you don't need anymore.

Treasure Hunt - create a treasure hunt with clues and home-made treasures.

Get gardening - Plant some seeds. If you live in flat you can plant some that live indoors or on the balcony.

Movie time - Spend time together watching favourite movies. To make it educational, write a film review or draw a movie poster.

Show time - Put on a show for the family. They can even work on some literacy skills in a fun way by writing a play script and act it out.

Puppets - Make finger puppets based on your favourite story and put on a puppet show. Make a theatre out of a box.

Read - Start a family book club. Discuss what your favourite characters and what part you liked best and why.

Picnic time - Have a family / teddy bear picnic indoors, on the balcony or in the garden.

Create - Make potato stamps, stamp paper or even a shirt.

Get baking - Bake some cakes or biscuits. Follow a recipe & weigh out the ingredients.

Den Building - use some bed sheets to build a den.

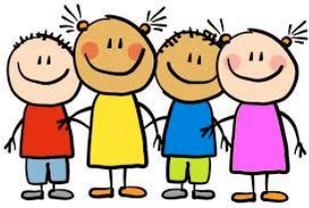
Sports - Make your own mini-golf course / design an obstacle course / create a new sport.

Homemade games - Design a game such as a paper boat race in the bath or homemade skittles using a tennis ball and empty toilet rolls.

Games - Play good old fashioned board games and card games.

Dance - Crank up your favourite tunes and dance around the house!

Sing - Sing your favourite songs. Try to write another verse and perform it for your family.



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Splash in puddles - wrap up well and splash in puddles.

Set the table - learn to set the table properly.

Dine In - Plan a menu and help cook it for dinner.

Mystery bag game

Use any big bag you have, fill it with random objects ... a rubber duck, a carrot, a tea bag ... the crazier the better. Each player must be blindfolded and is given 30 seconds to feel around the bag.

The person who can identify the most objects is the winner.

Fashion show - Lay a sheet out on the floor in the shape of a catwalk. You could also dig out the Christmas fairy lights and place them round the edge. Choose outfits and taking it in turns to walk down the catwalk strutting your stuff.

Lego Building Competition -

See who can build the tallest tower / bridge to hold something.

Start a Diary - Record what you got up to each day, how you felt, what was in the news, something you learned etc.

Paper Aeroplane - Make a paper aeroplane then have a competition to see which one goes the furthest!

Play a memory game -

'I went to the supermarket and bought some apples ...'
'I went to the supermarket and bought some apples and some bananas.'

Follow the alphabet and each person must start the list from the beginning, before adding their own supermarket buy.

See who can remember the most!

Pass the drawing -

Use people or animals as a theme and firstly draw a head. Fold the paper over and pass it on. The next person will draw the torso ... the next will draw the legs, then the feet, etc. Unfold the paper at the end to see your crazy creation.

Make Play Dough -

You will need:

- 1 cup of cold water
- 1 cup of salt
- 2 teaspoons of vegetable oil
- 3 cups of flour
- 2 tablespoons of cornflour
- food colouring

How to make playdough:

1. Gather together all your ingredients.
2. Put the dry ingredients in a bowl and then slowly add water. Mix until it forms a nice dough.
3. It should now be nice and easy to pick up and mould - add more flour if it is too sticky and more water if it is too dry. Knead it well with your hands to get all the food colouring to blend in.
4. Then the fun begins! You can store your playdough in an airtight container when you have finished playing.