

Things to do with your kids while you're home together



Fresh air fun...

Play with sidewalk chalk outside.

Have the kids help with yardwork in between playing games outside.

Inventory the plants & wildlife (from bugs on up) in your yard.

Organize races of various kinds in the backyard (hopping on one foot, crabwalking, walking backwards, etc.)

Walk, play with, or treat your dog or cat to a bath or brushing.

Wash and clean out the car. Let kids keep any change they find.



Game time...

Break out the Legos and Playdoh and let them get creative.

Use all of their building toys to make one giant structure.

Have a board game day using games you already have. Kids can also make their own games!

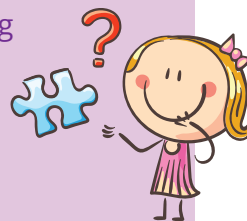
Do family puzzles. Choose puzzles that are challenging but not frustrating for you or your kid's age group.

Play games like cards, charades, Connect the Dots, Tic-Tac-Toe and Hangman.

Make tents and reading caves. Stock them with flashlights, tidy snacks, books, and pillows. Have a shadow show.

Collect a bunch of large cardboard boxes and watch how much fun your kids will create. From tunnels to dollhouses, boxes can provide endless fun.

Make up a scavenger hunt or indoor treasure hunt with clues throughout the house and a "treasure" at the end.



Brain workouts...

Have each child work on assignments their school may be providing online.

Spend some time reading books together.

Have your kids write a short story & illustrate it.

Have each kid write a letter and/or emails to a different friend or family member each day.

Make up a chain story. Each person takes a turn adding on to the story.



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Kitchen creations...

Try a new recipe.

Let your child help with dinner by making a salad or dessert.

Make "slime" and try other easy "kitchen chemistry" experiments. Go online to get ideas and for ingredients.



Craft corner...

Do beading, painting, drawing, jewelry-making or any other crafts.

Learn to sew using material you have on hand. Try making a stuffed animal.

Draw self portraits or pictures of each other.

Have your kids make greeting cards.

Do scrapbooking projects together.

Learn a new song on your instrument.



For links to more ideas...

Educational resources:

- [Ted Ed](#)
- [BrainPOP](#)
- [Quizlet](#)
- [Amazing educational resources](#)
- [Today](#)

Entertainment resources:

- [Pinterest activities for kids](#)
- [Facebook Keeping kids busy group](#)
- [Dance and sing along to videos on YouTube](#)



And much more...

Facetime with family members and friends.

Go through the pile of accumulated mail and let little kids enjoy ripping up the circulars and junk mail.

Team up and really clean and organize each kid's space, making a donation box for each. Parents are included.

Watch something fun on one of the children's networks.

Have a popcorn/movie/TV marathon.



**And most importantly,
just have fun.**



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