



## 20 Ways to Have Fun with Your Child (Without Spending Much Money)



1. **Make bubbles** and experiment with different items as blowers. (1 cup dishwashing liquid, ½ cup corn syrup, and 3 cups water—best if made and allowed to sit for awhile).
2. **Stage a tickle war!** Chase each other around the house and when you catch the other person, tickle him/her.
3. **Go on a neighborhood scavenger hunt.** Make a list of things to find and see how many you can collect.
4. **Make ice cream.** (Google ice cream in a bag for a simple recipe.)
5. **Make a reading fort** and climb in and read a book (or more) to your child.
6. **Check out a joke book** from the library and practice telling jokes (knock-knock jokes anyone?)
7. **Camp out in the backyard** (or in the living room) and make smores.
8. **Cook (or bake)** something together.
9. **Color a picture** together.
10. **Go on a surprise adventure** (don't tell the kids where you are going) and take a picnic.
11. **Play hide and seek.** If you are kids are older, turn out the lights and play.
12. **Gather some of their friends and play ball** in the backyard or a neighborhood park.
13. **Play dress-up** and have a tea party.
14. **Go to the grocery store** and let each family member pick out their favorite snack. Enjoy!
15. **Sing silly songs** together—using funny voices.
16. **Wrestle.** Let kids tackle Dad and try to knock him over.



17. **Wash the car** together—squirt one another with the hose.
18. **Make popcorn** the old-fashioned way. (Leave the lid off and try to catch the kernels in bowls. Beware kernels are hot!)
19. **Ride your bikes.**
20. **Make an obstacle course** and take turns running through it.

