Weekend activities for kids

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A good weekend at home with kids is a simple plan: move in the morning, make something before lunch, cook lunch together, a quiet puzzle after, one bigger project, family games in the evening and a short story at bedtime. Every activity below is free, and most need no screen.

A weekend day, planned

- When: Morning · Activity: Exercises at home · Why then: Move first, while everyone is fresh.
- When: Mid-morning · Activity: The Rainy Day Box · Why then: Build or make something: a fort, a craft, an experiment.
- When: Lunch · Activity: Easy recipes · Why then: Let a child lead lunch, with a grown-up on the hot jobs.
- When: After lunch · Activity: The Activity Book · Why then: A quiet puzzle while little ones nap.
- When: Afternoon · Activity: STEM projects · Why then: One bigger project, or an outing.
- When: Evening · Activity: Game Night · Why then: Family games with the child as scorekeeper.
- When: Bedtime · Activity: Short bedtime stories · Why then: One more short story.

Weekend activities by what you have

- You have…: Ten minutes · Try: Brain breaks, a riddle or a maze
- You have…: An hour · Try: The Rainy Day Box, a no-bake recipe or a magic trick to practise and show
- You have…: An afternoon · Try: A STEM project, a science fair project or a full Game Night
- You have…: A car · Try: Activities for kids on a road trip
- You have…: The whole family · Try: Family game night games
- You have…: One tired grown-up · Try: Screen time that teaches, or Peabody TV read-alongs

Every weekend activity

- Activity: The Rainy Day Box · What kind: Make · What a child does: Cards of forts, crafts, games and experiments with things most homes have, each saying how long, how messy and what a grown-up does. · Ages: 3 and up
- Activity: The Activity Book · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Mazes, word finds, riddles, dot-to-dots and logic puzzles in four sizes, most of them new every day, to print or do on screen. · Ages: 4 and up

• Activity: Dot-to-dot · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Join the numbers and a picture appears. Counting practice with a pencil. · Ages: 3 to 8
• Activity: Shadow match · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Match each picture to its shadow: looking closely, with no reading needed. · Ages: 3 to 6
• Activity: Odd one out · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Find the one that does not belong, and say why. · Ages: 3 to 6
• Activity: Mazes · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: A new maze to print or trace with a finger. · Ages: 4 to 10
• Activity: Spot the difference · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Two pictures, a handful of changes to find. · Ages: 4 to 9
• Activity: Word find · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Hidden words to circle, from short ones up. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: Riddles · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Riddles to read out at the table and guess together. · Ages: 6 and up
• Activity: Secret code · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Crack a coded message, then write one back. · Ages: 7 and up
• Activity: Sudoku · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Number grids from small to full size. · Ages: 8 and up
• Activity: Logic grid · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Read the clues and work out who has what. · Ages: 9 and up
• Activity: Coloring pages · What kind: Make · What a child does: Pictures to color on screen or print for the table. · Ages: 3 to 10
• Activity: How to draw · What kind: Make · What a child does: Step-by-step drawings to copy onto paper. · Ages: 5 and up
• Activity: No-bake recipes · What kind: Cook · What a child does: Food small hands can make with no oven: mix, spread, stack and eat. · Ages: 3 to 8
• Activity: The Kitchen · What kind: Cook · What a child does: Real recipes step by step with Crumb, saying which jobs are a grown-up's. · Ages: 4 and up
• Activity: Easy recipes · What kind: Cook · What a child does: Simple recipes a child can lead, with a grown-up on the hot and sharp jobs. · Ages: 5 and up
• Activity: Funny food · What kind: Cook · What a child does: Snacks shaped like critters and faces. · Ages: 4 to 10
• Activity: Exercises at home · What kind: Move · What a child does: Real exercise sorted by how much room it needs, from a chair's width to a hallway. · Ages: 4 and up
• Activity: Brain breaks · What kind: Move · What a child does: One-minute moves to shake out the wiggles between quiet things. · Ages: 5 and up
• Activity: Stretches · What kind: Move · What a child does: Slow stretches for a calm end to a busy day. · Ages: 4 and up

- Activity: Easy magic tricks · What kind: Play · What a child does: First tricks to learn, practise and show the family after dinner. · Ages: 5 to 9
- Activity: Magic with household items · What kind: Play · What a child does: Real tricks with cups, coins, string and paper already in the house. · Ages: 6 and up
- Activity: Card tricks · What kind: Play · What a child does: Tricks with an ordinary deck of cards. · Ages: 8 and up
- Activity: STEM projects · What kind: Explore · What a child does: Builds and experiments with things from the recycling and the kitchen. · Ages: 6 and up
- Activity: Science fair projects · What kind: Explore · What a child does: Forty projects with a question, a test and what to write down. · Ages: 8 and up
- Activity: Story idea generator · What kind: Make · What a child does: Tap for a who, a where and a what-happens, then write or tell the story. · Ages: 6 and up
- Activity: Music · What kind: Music · What a child does: Song sheets in any key, the Chord Finder, Beat Buddies and the sing-along. · Ages: 5 and up
- Activity: Game Night · What kind: Play · What a child does: A phone score sheet for family dice games where the child does the adding. · Ages: 6 and up
- Activity: Trivia · What kind: Play · What a child does: Ready trivia rounds, or build your own, for the whole table. · Ages: 7 and up
- Activity: Charades · What kind: Play · What a child does: Charades words by age, for a living room game with no board. · Ages: 5 and up
- Activity: Chess · What kind: Play · What a child does: A daily puzzle, a game to play and the openings explained. · Ages: 7 and up
- Activity: Tangram puzzles · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Seven shapes, one picture to make. Cut a set from paper. · Ages: 6 and up
- Activity: Worksheets · What kind: Puzzle · What a child does: Printable reading and math sheets by grade. · Ages: 5 and up
- Activity: Road trip games · What kind: Play · What a child does: The License Plate Game, car games and checklists for the drive. · Ages: 4 and up

Making weekends easier

Pick two things on Friday night, not ten: one to make and one to play. A plan that fits on a sticky note is more likely to happen than a perfect one. Let the oldest child choose one of the two, and let the youngest choose the story. The Rainy Day Box plans a whole day and prints it, and its ticks stay on your device so next weekend can pick up where this one stopped.

Everything here is free through the end of 2026, with no ads, no sign-up and nothing to download.

Questions parents ask

What can we do this weekend at home with kids?

Follow the day above: move in the morning, make something, cook lunch together, a quiet puzzle, one bigger project, family games in the evening and a short story at bedtime.

What are cheap weekend activities for kids?

Every page here is free, and the crafts, recipes and tricks use things most homes have: paper, cups, coins, string and the kitchen cupboard.

What can kids do on a weekend without a screen?

Cooking, exercise, magic tricks, charades, printables and the Rainy Day cards are all done off the screen once the page is open or printed.

What ages are these weekend activities for?

About 3 to 12, and every row says its ages. The age pages pick for one year at a time: 3 · 4 · 5 · 6 · 7 · 8 · 9 · 10 · 11 · 12.

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