



300 Ideas To Do With Your Little



- ride bikes
- roller blade
- basketball
- play board games
- make a tent out of blankets
- squirt with hoses
- run through the sprinkler
- jump rope
- read books
- blow bubbles
- make homemade play dough
- play with play dough
- press flowers
- do crafts with pressed flowers
- write a letter to a relative, friend or pen pal
- plant a tree
- decorate cards for shut-ins
- show how to clean bathroom
- make a craft
- draw
- color
- paint
- pull weeds
- watch a movie
- write stories
- use binoculars
- use magnifying glass
- use microscope
- bird watching
- write a play
- act out a play
- invent circus acts
- perform a circus
- play card games
- make art on the front walkway with sidewalk chalk
- play catch
- play baseball
- collect rocks
- collect leaves
- collect feathers
- play Frisbee
- make Frisbee's out of old plastic lids, decorate with markers
- discuss hygiene
- brush the pet
- write letters
- read a magazine
- play dress-up
- play Cowboys
- pick vegetables
- play outside with the pet
- build a fort in your rooms
- build a fort in the backyard
- do a jigsaw puzzle
- play on the Geosafari
- play on the computer
- listen to a story or book on tape
- do extra schoolwork to get ahead
- do brain teasers (crosswords, word searches, hidden pictures, mazes, etc.)
- cook
- prepare lunch
- surprise a neighbor with a good deed
- play store
- prepare a "restaurant" lunch with menus
- hold a tea party
- have a Teddy bear picnic
- play with toy cars
- play dolls
- play house
- chase butterflies
- collect caterpillars and bugs
- plant a garden or a pot
- collect seeds
- hunt for four-leaf clovers
- learn magic tricks
- put on a magic show
- plant a container garden
- sprout seeds or beans
- make sock puppets
- put on a puppet show
- make Christmas presents
- make homemade wrapping paper
- make homemade gift cards
- make picture frames from twigs glued onto sturdy cardboard
- crochet or knit
- make doll clothes
- sew buttons in designs on old shirts
- run relay races
- make bookmarks



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89. study for a test
90. talk about manners
91. bathe a pet
92. feed the birds or squirrels
93. watch the clouds
94. organize a dresser drawer
95. talk about telephone etiquette
96. empty/load dishwasher
97. vacuum under the couch cushions and keep any change found
98. write these ideas on pieces of paper and pick out one or two to do
99. whittle
100. whittle bars of soap
101. practice musical instruments
102. perform a concert
103. teach yourself to play musical instrument (recorder, harmonica, guitar)
104. learn to fold laundry
105. sweep kitchen or bathroom floors
106. discuss well mannered conversation
107. discuss table manners
108. talk about nutrition
109. wash car
110. vacuum car
111. talk about current events
112. teach how to write a letter
113. clean sliding glass doors
114. start a hobby/collection
115. wash bicycles
116. clean garage
117. play in the sandbox
118. build a sandcastle
119. work with clay
120. copy your favorite book illustration
121. design your own game
122. build with blocks or Legos
123. create a design box (copper wire, string, odds-and-ends of things destined for the garbage, pom-poms, thread, yarn, etc.)
124. plan a neighborhood Olympics
125. have a marble tournament
126. paint a picture with lemon juice on white paper and hang it in a sunny window and see what happens in a few days
127. finger paint with pudding
128. make dessert
129. make dinner
130. give your pet a party
131. paint the sidewalk with water
132. start a journal of summer fun
133. start a nature diary
134. have a read-a-thon with a friend or sibling
135. have a neighborhood bike wash
136. play flashlight tag
137. play Kick the Can
138. check out a science book and try some experiments
139. make up a story
140. arrange photo albums
141. find bugs and start a collection
142. do some stargazing
143. decorate bikes or wagons and have a neighborhood parade
144. catch butterflies and then let them go
145. play hide-and-seek
146. create a symphony with bottles and pans and rubber bands
147. listen to the birds sing
148. try to imitate birdcalls
149. read a story to a younger child
150. find shapes in the clouds
151. string dry noodles or O-shaped cereals into a necklace
152. glue noodles into a design on paper
153. play hopscotch
154. play jacks
155. make up a song
156. make a teepee out of blankets
157. write in your journal
158. find an ant colony and spill some food and watch what happens
159. play charades
160. make up a story by drawing pictures
161. draw a cartoon strip
162. make a map of your bedroom, house or neighborhood
163. call a friend
164. cut pictures from old magazines and write a story
165. make a collage using pictures cut from old magazines
166. do a secret service for a neighbor
167. plan a treasure hunt
168. make a treasure map



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169. make up a "Bored List" of things to do
170. plan a special activity for you and your little
171. search your house for items made in other countries and then learn about those countries from the encyclopedia or online
172. plan an imaginary trip to the moon
173. plan an imaginary trip around the world, where would you want to go
174. write a science-fiction story
175. find a new pen pal
176. make up a play using old clothes as costumes
177. make up a game for practicing math facts
178. have a Spelling Bee
179. make up a game for practicing spelling
180. surprise an elderly neighbor or relative by weeding his/her garden
181. finger paint with shaving cream
182. collect sticks and mud and build a bird's nest
183. write newspaper articles for a pretend newspaper
184. put together a newsletter
185. write reviews of movies or plays or TV shows or concerts you see during the summer
186. bake a cake
187. bake a batch of cookies
188. decorate a shoe box to hold your summer treasures
189. make a hideout or clubhouse
190. make paper airplanes
191. have paper airplane races
192. learn origami
193. make an obstacle course in your backyard
194. make friendship bracelets for your friends
195. make a wind chime out of things headed for the garbage
196. paint your face
197. braid hair
198. play tag
199. make a sundial
200. make food sculptures (from pretzels, gumdrops, string licorice, raisins, cream cheese, peanuts, peanut butter, etc.) and then eat it
201. make a terrarium
202. start a club
203. take a nap outside on your lawn
204. produce a talent show
205. memorize a poem
206. recite a memorized poem for your family
207. Set mentoring goals together
208. help plan short term and long term goals
209. go to library
210. talk about life
211. give a tour of your current job
212. talk about your very first job
213. talk about planning a career
214. plan a career
215. get together with friends from work
216. take tours of friends jobs
217. visit a local technical school
218. visit a college
219. talk about college
220. work on applications together
221. explore financial aid options
222. work on resume
223. talk about dressing for success
224. talk about how to look for a job
225. find a summer job
226. talk about what it takes to get ahead
227. talk about health insurance
228. talk about taxes
229. talk about balancing life and work
230. talk about balancing a check book
231. talk about credit cards
232. talk about a budget
233. help create a budget
234. talk about living with one's means
235. go bargain hunting
236. plan a weeks worth of meals
237. do a week's worth of shopping together
238. write thank-you notes
239. talk about relationships
240. talk about personal values
241. talk about the future
242. talk about how to manage money
243. help them open a savings account
244. talk about cars
245. talk about car insurance/teens
246. talk about maintenance
247. change a tire



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248. build a birdhouse
249. go roller skating
250. go skate boarding
251. surf the net
252. have a water gun fight
253. go swimming
254. try a new food together
255. go for ice cream
256. make home made ice cream in a coffee can
257. play checkers
258. visit a nursing home
259. go hiking
260. go camping
261. go fishing
262. go bowling
263. tie dye old t-shirts
264. put Big/Little handprints on shirts and date it
265. teach how to use a phone book
266. fly a kite
267. make a homemade kite
268. tour a fire station
269. go to a museum
270. go to the zoo
271. go to landmarks in your area
272. horseback riding
273. read the funny papers
274. go/teach how to skip rocks
275. canoeing
276. boating
277. make a bird feeder
278. decorate matching pillow cases
279. have a hula hoop contest
280. do finger shadows on the wall
281. feed the ducks
282. catch fireflies
283. play tennis
284. discuss little's day
285. play tic tac toe
286. shrinky dinks
287. watch a sunset
288. do latch hook together
289. discuss their friends/friendship what makes good friends....
290. discuss what it was like as a kid/teen growing up
291. teach how to use an iron
292. play tag
293. have a movie marathon w/popcorn
294. play with water balloons
295. blow up balloons and make up games with them
296. go to the park
297. window shop
298. talk about fears
299. discuss dreams
300. have a soda and just hang out