

## Indoor Activities for a Rainy Fall Day

1. Build a fort—the bigger the better!
2. Play hide and go seek (even better with moms and dads playing along).
3. Bring out the pictures—family, baby, pre-kids...the whole works. Kids love to hear the stories behind the pictures.
4. Go camping in your family room or basement—including sleeping bags and even tents.
5. Produce a play—make and hand out tickets for the performance.
6. Make a collage—cut out pictures from old magazines and holiday/birthday cards.
7. Calling all Picasso's—draw everyone in your family.
8. Have a boat race—make boats and float them in the bathtub.
9. Turn on the classical music—listen and try to spot the different instruments.
10. Get out the paint and start painting...paper, rocks, walls (with supervision of course!)
11. Take photographs of each other and of favourite toys and stuffies.
12. Write letters to relatives—remember to include pictures.
13. Learn some common words in another language.
14. Bake cookies.
15. Eat cookies.
16. Take some cookies to your neighbours.
17. Have a "organize the toys" party.
18. Pretend to have lunch with the "queen"—teach etiquette and have fun. Kids can help prepare the meal and set the table.
19. Have a "lots of bubbles" bubble bath.
20. Play card games—Go Fish, Crazy Eights, Memory, etc.
21. Sing. Crank up the tunes, whether it is Raffi, Hannah or the Beach Boys. Sing!
22. Play a game of charades.
23. Make a new craft. Then take it to a friend.
24. Have a contest blowing bubbles—works really well in the bathtub (double duty!).
25. Get creative—write a story together.
26. Research a different culture and find the country on the globe.
27. Learn sign language basics.
28. Have a play date with a new friend.
29. Make your own birthday and holiday cards.
30. Play a board game.
31. Dance. Put on some loud fun music on and dance, baby.
32. Do a jigsaw puzzle together.
33. Have a picnic indoors—have the kids help prepare the food for it.
34. Have a bubble gum blowing contest (but please, not while sitting on carpet—trust me!).
35. Pull out the box of Legos—hours of fun.
36. Play cars—use masking tape and make roads for the cars.
37. Have a tea party.
38. Take in a family movie—rent or pull out a DVD and everyone watch...yes, with popcorn.
39. Plan an indoor scavenger hunt—get the kids to help gather the stuff and mom can hide it.
40. Make a craft—remember to use stuff from the kitchen, dried beans, macaroni, rice, cut up straws, etc.
41. Create your very own obstacle course indoors. Crawl under and over furniture, (safely, of course!), through hula hoops, under skipping ropes, etc.
42. Make play dough from scratch.
43. Make puppets with old socks and then have a puppet show.
44. Play dress up—use Halloween costumes, old clothes in your closet, scarves, hats, etc.
45. Pretend you are on a boat—sit on a blanket and sail away.
46. Let your kids wash dishes (pull out the non breakables and let the kids go to town).
47. Play school—take turns being the teacher and students.
48. Play store—take turns being the cashier and shopper.
49. Play restaurant—create menus, set the table, take orders, and serve the food.
50. Take a family nap (yeah, I know, but you can try).