

The Tolbert Family Summertime Jar of Fun

1. Have a picnic in the backyard
2. Decorate cupcakes and deliver them to neighbors
3. Go on a walk and count bunnies
4. Have an un-birthday party for one or more ancestors
5. Paint rocks (http://www.marthastewart.com/article/rock-crafts?backto=true&backtourl=/photogallery/60-summer-activities-for-kids#slide_9)
6. Work together to organize the DVD/video drawers; pop popcorn & watch a movie
7. Write letters to grandparents
8. Work together to straighten up the bookshelves downstairs; read a book together
9. Make a time capsule
10. Make play dough (<http://www.teachnet.com/lesson/art/playdough061699.html>)
11. Have a lesson on how to clean windows and then have a puppet show
12. Make macaroni necklaces (<http://partiesandholidays.blogspot.com/2009/07/macaroni-necklaces.html>)
13. Make old coins shiny again by mixing salt and vinegar (<http://www.wikihow.com/Clean-Pennies>)
14. Practice setting the table & then have a tea party
15. Have a lesson on cleaning baseboards and then invite a friend to play
16. Build an indoor fort with blankets and cushions.
17. Walk to the pond and feed the ducks
18. Work together to straighten up the bookshelves in the playroom; play Twister
19. Play a game of "hotter/colder" by hiding things around the house and having the kids try to find them
20. Play "Red Light/Green Light"
21. Organize dresser drawers and then play dress up and have a fancy "best-manners meal"
22. Have a lesson on how to properly make the bed and then play "Mother May I?"
23. Use a scale and weigh things around the house. Make a list of lightest to heaviest.
24. Use a ruler or measuring tape and practice "estimating" with small objects around the house.
25. Organize dresser drawers and then have a water fight (including mom!) in the back yard.
26. Read a book together
27. Teach kids to clean the bathroom & then create sculptures using toothpicks and raisins
28. Make tambourines using paper plates and beans or pasta. Staple together and decorate. (<http://familycrafts.about.com/cs/musicalcrafts/1/blmusicc2.htm>)
29. Teach kids North/South/East/West & then hide toys & direct them using only directional commands
30. Surprise! Pick your favorite activity. (<http://wondertime.go.com/create-and-play/archive.html>)
31. Make cookies and take them to a neighbor
32. Switch roles — parents act like kids & kids act like parents.
33. Homemade make-your-own pizza night
34. Pick-your-own-frozen-dinner night
35. Make masks out of paper plates (<http://www.lhj.com/relationships/family/crafts/paper-plate-masks/>)
36. Surprise! Pick your favorite activity
37. Have a pillow fight (no head shots)
38. Have a \$2 lunch. Everyone goes to the grocery store with \$2 in hand & chooses something to contribute to making lunch.
39. Fondue (<http://www.kids-cooking-activities.com/fondue-theme-dinner.html>)
40. Have a lesson on cleaning the kitchen and then give each other pedicures
41. Create an indoor treasure hunt (<http://familyfun.go.com/playtime/easy-treasure-hunt-708491/>)
42. Make an obstacle course and then time yourselves (<http://familyfun.go.com/playtime/indoor-obstacle-course-707560/>)
43. Take silly pictures & make paper picture frames to put them in (http://www.marthastewart.com/photogallery/kids-art-projects#slide_7)
44. Have a lesson on how to dust & then play Uno Attack
45. Create a museum gallery--Display kids' artwork on the wall using string and clothespins
46. Learn about Impressionist art and select a related art project to do together (http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0001556523971/ref=ord_cart_shr?ie=UTF8&m=ATVPDKIKX0DER)
47. Tape a piece of paper under a desk or table and draw while laying on your back (Michelangelo) (http://www.ehow.com/how_5138166_use-projects-teach-kids-michelangelo.html)
48. Make "modern art" sculptures with odds & ends from around the house (popsicle sticks, sticks, feathers, etc.)
49. Have a taste-testing party — blindfold the kids and have them try various foods and see if they can guess what they are.
50. Write a story together and illustrate it
51. Go on a walk to collect leaves and then do paper rubbings with crayons or pencils
52. Make popsicles with juice, fruit, and ice cube trays or paper cups (<http://www.recipegoldmine.com/dessicepop/maraschino-lemonade-pops.html>)
53. Color paper placemats for dinner
54. Make (and play) hopscotch (http://www.marthastewart.com/good-things/hopscotch-mat?backto=true&backtourl=/photogallery/homemade-toys-and-games#slide_17)
55. Organize the toy room buckets together. Play jacks.
56. Make a picture with dried pasta, beans, glue and paint (http://www.marthastewart.com/photogallery/kids-art-projects#slide_4)
57. Make homemade napkins rings and use for dinner that night (<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/Flowermapkinring.shtml>)
58. Have a lesson on loading the dishwasher; play Frisbee
59. Cut sponges into shapes and make sponge paintings (http://www.ehow.com/how_2082827_make-sponge-stamps.html)
60. Make sun prints (http://www.marthastewart.com/photogallery/60-summer-activities-for-kids#slide_47)
61. Make silhouettes (<http://wondertime.go.com/create-and-play/crafts/silhouette-display.html>)
62. Shadowplay (<http://www.vtaide.com/png/George/shadow-play.htm>)
63. Make birthday cards to have on hand
64. Work together to organize the art supply cupboard; play "Hide & Go Seek"
65. Make banana pudding (vanilla wafers, pudding, bananas, whipped cream, marshmallows)
66. Make a "bookworm" game (http://www.marthastewart.com/article/bookworm-game?backto=true&backtourl=/photogallery/60-summer-activities-for-kids#slide_49)

67. Have a paper airplane contest (<http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/paper-airplane-666427/>)
68. Make bubble solution and blow bubbles (<http://www.tomnoddy.com/kids.html>)
69. Make snowcones
70. Do an act of kindness for each person in the family
71. Blindfold the kids and then have them draw pictures of certain things
72. Have a lesson on how to sweep the floor & then make sock puppets using old unmatched socks (<http://www.marthastewart.com/portal/site/mslo/menuitem.3a0656639de62ad593598e10d373a0a0/?vgnextoid=472f27b07593f010VgnVCM1000003d370a0aRCRD&vgnextfmt=default>)
73. Make paper boats & float them in the bathtub (http://wondertime.go.com/create-and-play/article/fold-a-paper-boat_SP.html)
74. Cook marshmallows over the bbq & make s'mores
75. Make paper pinwheels (http://www.marthastewart.com/photogallery/60-summer-crafts#slide_8)
76. Make homemade lemonade and paper umbrellas (<http://www.marthastewart.com/portal/site/mslo/menuitem.0e0eb51a2e6b5ad593598e10d373a0a0/?vgnextoid=6f6deec980425110VgnVCM1000003d370a0aRCRD&vgnextfmt=default>) (http://www.marthastewart.com/article/making-a-lemonade-stand?inc=6cd0f33b54a51210VgnVCM1000003d370a0aRCRD&backto=true&backtourl=/summer-idea#slide_14)
77. Make fruit smoothies (<http://www.marthastewart.com/portal/site/mslo/menuitem.fc77a0dbc44dd1611e3bf410b5900aa0/?vgnextoid=134a56866a80f010VgnVCM1000003d370a0aRCRD&vgnextfmt=default>)
78. Make paper flowers as thank you gifts for primary teachers (http://www.marthastewart.com/article/kids-paper-flowers?backto=true&backtourl=/photogallery/60-summer-activities-for-kids#slide_35)
79. Make tin can robots (<http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/crafts-by-material/recyclable-projects/can-do-robots-674831/>)
80. Make a paper mache piñata (<http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/how-to-make-a-pinata-666129/>) (<http://familycrafts.about.com/od/makeapinata/a/papermachepinata.htm>)
81. Read a book together
82. Make paper bag puppets (<http://www.marthastewart.com/article/paper-bag-pet-puppets>)
83. Make & play a family history memory game (http://www.marthastewart.com/article/matching-memory-game?backto=true&backtourl=/photogallery/homemade-toys-and-games#slide_7)
84. Learn to make origami animals (http://www.marthastewart.com/article/origami-finger-puppet-and-flowers?backto=true&backtourl=/photogallery/kids-paper-crafts#slide_3)
85. Make homemade stickers (http://www.marthastewart.com/article/stickers-from-scratch?backto=true&backtourl=/photogallery/kids-paper-crafts#slide_7)
86. Have a lesson on how to vacuum and then play Legos together
87. Make cake pops (<http://www.bakerella.com/make-your-cupcakes-pop/>)
88. Jump rope
89. Gather flowers and press them
90. Do simple science experiments (<http://familyfun.go.com/sitesearch/results/q=science%2520experiments/>)
91. Plan and perform a family talent show
92. Draw on the sidewalk with chalk
93. Record ourselves singing primary songs. Give to grandparents as a Christmas gift.
94. Memorize the names of the modern day apostles in order (http://lds.org/Static%20Files/PDF/Magazines/Ensign/English/2010/EN_2010_05_00_09205_000_000.pdf)
95. Memorize a scripture or an Article of Faith
96. Make/play paper dolls
97. Play dominoes
98. Play the "What's Missing?" game. (Player 1 arranges 5-10 objects on a tray. The rest of the group looks at them for 5 seconds and then covers their eyes while Player 1 takes one of the items away. Everyone then must guess what is missing.)
99. Make chocolate pudding cups (<http://www.bakerella.com/pudding-cups/>)
100. Surprise! Pick your favorite activity. (<http://wondertime.go.com/create-and-play/archive.html>)
101. Read a book together
102. Play marbles
103. Play Barbies or American Girl Doll together
104. Play Thomas the Train together
105. Surprise! Pick your favorite activity. (<http://wondertime.go.com/create-and-play/archive.html>)

Other resources:

- <http://wondertime.go.com/create-and-play/archive.html>
- <http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/>
- <http://www.sugardoodle.net/Summer/Summer%20Boredom%20Busters.shtml>
- <http://www.stretcher.com/stories/03/03jul21h.cfm>
- <http://www.marthastewart.com/photogallery/summer-crafts-for-kids>