

Parenting Advice: How To Get Your Child Back On The Right Track



By [Ivana Jarmon](#)

Keeping a child on the right track can be hard, especially in a world with so much ugliness. It's easy to steer away from the right path. Your child may be acting out or maybe you've noticed they're behavior has changed. As a parent, this is very concerning. You may make rules for your kids, only to abandon these rules when they don't work. We have some [parenting advice](#) to help you get your kid back on the right track.

Parenting Advice: Check out our parenting advice on how to get your kid back on the right track!

1. Honest conversation: Have an honest and real conversation with your child. Treat your child as an equal instead of pulling rank. “I’m the parent you’re the child” will not work if you want things to change. To have an honest conversation, it’s important to take turns talking and listening. By pulling rank, you may miss out on an opportunity to hear how they truly feel. It’s important that you hear each other out.

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2. Address the red flags: These red flags could be falling behind in school work, trouble-making at school, or missing homework and extracurricular activities—it’s important to address the problem. Talk to your kid as soon as the problem arises. Don’t accuse them or get mad. Ask him or her openly what’s going on.

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3. Get to the root of the problem: It’s important to explore the reason for your child’s change in behavior. Talk to your child, their teachers, coaches, friends the people who know them well. By doing this, you will get a better insight at what’s causing the problem.

What are some ways to get your kid back on the right track? Share your thoughts below.

Parenting Trend: Baby-Safe Teething Jewelry



By [Ivana Jarmon](#)

The latest [parenting trend](#) you should be looking into is baby-safe jewelry. Every parent must watch their child struggle with growing pains, such as cutting teeth. As a parent, watching your child in pain is the worst. One of the ways to help your toddler is by giving them something to chew on such as teething jewelry, a product made to offer a sanitary, safe option to handheld teethers.

Here are some reasons why you

should choose baby safe jewelry such as teething jewelry.

1. Sanitary option: Teething necklaces can offer a more sanitary option than handheld teething rings. This option can spare parents extra cleaning. Also, you wouldn't have to worry about your child always dropping their teething ring on the floor every second.

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2. No more scrambling around: Babies often lose their teething rings. With the teething necklace around their neck, it will always be easy to find.

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3. Teething necklaces are generally safe: Though it can depend on the material from which it's made, the best teething jewelry are the ones that are non-toxic and free of BPA, lead, cadmium, and phthalates. This basically means that you will want to find a teething necklace that is constructed of medical or food grade silicone or wood finished with natural oils that won't harm your child.

What are some baby safe jewelry? Share below.

Parenting Advice: Make Your Own Fresh Baby Food



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Making your own fresh baby food means you know exactly what you're feeding your baby, it also means saving money. By making your fresh baby food, you can expose your child to a wide variety of flavors. You also expose them to a much healthier and nutrition filled diet. Homemade baby food can be very simple: you could choose from fresh or canned fruit, fresh or frozen produce, grains etc. A great, easy baby food to make from scratch is a fruit or vegetable puréed food. Puréed baby food allows your baby to practice their chewing and swallowing skills. To show you how easy it is to puree. We have some [parenting advice](#) to help you make your own fresh peach puree baby food. Recipe was used from Premeditated Leftovers Recipe.

Check out our parenting advice on how to make your own fresh

baby food!

1. Ingredients and tools: Grab your ingredients from your local grocery store. You will need: 6 peaches to make enough to fill 1 standard ice tray). Tools: hand held peeler, blender or food processor, small to medium pot with steamer basket and water. This recipe serves 12, prep time should take 15 mins, cook time 15 mins. Everything should take about 30 mins.

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2. Process: You will first want to peel and cook them first, either by baking or boiling them. It will not only make it easier for you to puree them, but the cooking process will prove easier for your baby digestion system.

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3. Directions: You will want to begin by peeling your peaches and cut them into smaller pieces. Fill your pot with water, a little below the steamer basket, and then you're your peaches and top it off with the lid. Allow the water to come to a low boil and let your peaches to steam for 15 minutes. FYI the larger and firmer the pieces are, the more time they will need. Remove once you can easy cut the peach with a fork. Place the peaches in your blender and puree.

4. Finish: Feed your baby and watch them enjoy their homemade meal! Be sure to pack away the left overs and put them in the refrigerator or freezer.

Have any more tips on how to make fresh baby food? Comment Below.

Parenting Advice: How to Manage Being a Working Parent



By Dr. Jane Greer

The push and pull between holding down a job and taking care of a home is an ongoing struggle. It can be hard to balance taking care of the kids, pursuing a career, and getting all of the daily housework and chores done. If a mom is going back to work after taking time off to start a family, it can be even harder to transition into the workforce again. Eva Mendes has opened up about her struggles as a working mother of two. She talked about how difficult some of the simple things can become when you are juggling so much, even just getting dressed.

So what, if anything, is the answer to managing the tug of war and the potential chaos that comes with working and being a parent?

There are two things going on when a mom decides to go back to work after spending time at home with children. The first is something Eva touched on, getting the logistics into place. The second, and this one can often be even more difficult to deal with, is the guilt and longing that can go along with the decision to return to a job, and the transition of actually doing it. Not only might you want to be with your kids, but you also might feel you are not doing the right thing by leaving them with a nanny or at daycare. The hope is that you will be able to find a middle ground so you are not consumed by these feelings, and you are able to enjoy your work and be present there.

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There is no one answer for all women, each one has to find her own way and her own balance. Here are a few things to keep in mind, though, as you navigate your way. The first is that while you may not be able to spend all day with your child anymore the way you are used to doing, know that research has shown that what is most important is the quality of the time you spend together, not the quantity. In other words, it is better to have one or two meaningful hours together a day, which you may be able to find before or after work, when you are completely focused on what your child needs, than it is to have all day every day when you are frazzled, possibly unfulfilled, and not paying full attention to your son or daughter. People often falsely equate the idea that being the “good enough mother “ means being with your child all the time. However, the term, used by Winnicott and other

developmental theorists, in fact means setting aside your needs in order to be available and responsive to those of your kids, and in this way you are completely attuned to them, which ensures promoting their emotional well-being. This can be achieved in many different ways, and, in reality, it is how you spend the time you do have together, no matter how much it is in a given day, that really counts. With this knowledge, you may be able to set a few realistic goals which will help ease the transition back to work. For example, you might be able to carve out a chunk of time in the day or night when you can really tune in to your child, whether it be reading together, singing, or even having fun choosing an outfit for the next day.

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Some women, though, become so consumed with being a stay-at-home mom that it can really color the enjoyment of the job. Of course, sometimes there is a hard and fast financial element to deciding to go back, and if that is the case know you are doing exactly what your family needs, and keep in mind that the research is on your side. If you are more flexible, though, and it won't interfere with your sense of self, see if you can delay the return to work so you can continue to be physically and emotionally present for your children for a while longer. Some people choose to never go back to work. Making that choice really comes down to determining how crucial the work is to your well-being. If you know you will regret it and resent not being at work more, explore the possibility of finding a compromise, and try to come up with a plan where you are not away from home all day, maybe you can work part time or a few days a week.

It sounds like Eva is finding her way with that and doing what every mom has to do – confronting that fork in the road and looking at what will be the most meaningful and viable way to move forward for her and her children. Ultimately, that is all

you can ask of yourself.

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Product Review: Back-To-School Products For Kids Of All Ages





By Bre Gajewski

No matter how old your child is, back to school can be time-consuming, expensive and all-around stressful.

Product Review: These back-to-school products will score you a parenting win with your kids!

CleanWell's Botanical Hand Sanitizer Spray, ~\$4



Whether your kid is going to elementary school or college, they are going to be surrounded by germs (and lots of them). This is why we love [CleanWell's Hand Sanitizer Spray](#).

It is free of harsh chemicals and has a delicate citrus scent. The bottle is small enough for your kids to carry it in their pocket all day if they want to. The best part? You can buy it on Amazon or directly from CleanWell in a bundle with other amazing products!

Edushapes's Magic Shapes – 81pcs, \$20



For the littlest learners, it is extremely important to continue their education at home each night. This is why we love [Edushape's Magic Shapes!](#) They are fun and encourage open-ended play which allows children to freely express themselves and helps with brain development.

Magic Shapes stimulate your child's imagination and teach them about shapes, colors, magnets and more. They will have so much fun creating designs and when it is time to clean up, all of the shapes fit into one EZ clean-up jar.

Vaya TyffynKids Dino Lunch Box, \$49



Lunch-time is sometimes the best part of the school day for kids. We love the [Vaya TyffynKyds](#) lunch boxes that will keep food hot or cold for 5-6 hours and come with partitions so you can pack more than one dish in each lunchbox. Kids will love the fun designs and you will love that it is BPA-free, leakproof and that you can pack food directly into the sections so you will have fewer containers to wash later.

FAITH Backpack, Fenrici Resilience Collection, \$35



All children need a backpack for school to hold their belongings. These backpacks from Fenrici are unique, durable

and help a good cause. 5% of their proceeds go to Global Genes, a non-profit organization that funds the education and research of rare pediatric diseases.

You can buy these backpacks knowing your children will love the designs and that your money is being spent to help other children get the care that they need.

Well-Kept Screen Cleansing Towelettes, \$6



These screen cleansing towelettes from [Well-Kept](#) are perfect to throw into your teen's backpack for school. Teenagers are constantly touching their phones, tablets and computers which tend to have about 60 times more germs than a toilet seat. Use the towelettes to wipe away all those germs!

Game Day Tote's Berkeley Crossbody in Rose Gold, \$56.50



When shopping for school, you can't forget about your college-aged kids. Fall semester for college kids means football season. These bags from [Game Day Tote](#) are the perfect back to school gift for your daughter because not only are they stylish but they obey the stadium bag policy.

Make sure to check out the [Cupid's Pulse product review page](#) for more recommendations!

Parenting Trend: Weighted Blankets





By Rhodesia Williams

The latest [parenting trend](#) you should be looking into is weighted blankets. These blankets, originally designed for children diagnosed with Autism, have made their mark in the world of relaxation. Children and adults have grown fond of these stress relievers. With being able to create your own, people all over have fallen in love with these custom blankets.

Weighted blankets are the new parenting trend when it comes to relaxation. Why are these new blankets all the rave and how do they work?

1. Create your own: Imagine being able to cuddle up with the perfect blanket. Luckily, these heaven sent covers allow you to design them yourself. From the material to the weight,

enjoy customizing your own blanket. Surprising your child with a custom blanket will not only excite them, but it will show them that you were thinking of them. Knowing what your child likes also helps to create the perfect gift.

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2. Reduces stress: Because the blanket has some weight to it, researchers say it's like being held or even hugged. Ultimately, the weight acts as a pressure which then calms your child without you even having to touch them. This blanket will help to eliminate any anxiety or restlessness that your child may suffer from throughout the night. No more restless nights! Not only will your child sleep, but you will be able to rest as well. Sounds like a win- win!

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3. Worth it: With so many sleep aid options, this may be the least invasive and totally worth it. Although the blanket can be pricey, just imagine the amazing sleep your child will get. Initially, the target consumers were children with Autism, but the popularity of the blankets have spread. Think about it; no trips to the doctor's office, no medications, and most importantly, no more late nights.

What do you think about weighted blankets? Share below.

Parenting Advice: How to Decorate Your Modern Nursery



By [Haley Lerner](#)

When you're expecting a new child, there are a lot of things to worry about. One of those things is nesting and getting a room all set up to house your new precious baby. So, are you looking to design the perfect nursery for your little tot? We've got the [parenting advice](#) to help you perfectly decorate a modern nursery for your baby.

Check out our parenting advice on how to decorate your modern nursery!

1. Neutral tones: One way to make your child's nursery feel really modern is by sticking to neutral colors and avoiding the usual choices like pinks, blues and yellows. Try decorate

in shades of gray, white and black. These neutral colors will allow colorful accent pieces in the room to stand out.

2. Fun lighting: Spruce up your nursery with some cool lighting fixtures. Find a light fixture that can be a statement piece in the room. Whether it's a funky chandelier, contemporary lamps or a neon light sign, go for something that will add character to the room.

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3. Wallpaper: Another way to make a room more modern is by using wallpaper. Pick a wall of the room to be a feature wall and cover it with a funky patterned wallpaper.

4. Mirrors: If you want to make a nursery look bigger and more modern, incorporate several mirrors into the design of the room. It'll reflect light and make the room look sharper.

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5. Paint the ceiling: Another fun option if you're bold is to paint the nursery ceiling. If you keep the rest of the room neutral, paint the ceiling with bold bright stripes or a fun, bright color.

Have any more tips on how to decorate a modern nursery? Comment below!

Product Review: Dress Your

Baby Girl Like a Celebrity Baby with Feltman Brothers



By Bre Gajewski

Every baby deserves to be treated like a [celebrity baby](#). That all starts with having the cutest outfits! Feltman Brothers has everything from bibs to gowns to make your baby the most stylish one at daycare.

Product Review: [Feltman Brothers](#) baby clothing is the [parenting](#) product you need to dress your

child like a celebrity baby.

Feltman Brothers has been producing beautiful, high-quality baby clothes since 1916. They have sizes ranging from premies to toddlers for both boys and girls.

The company's mission is to provide you with traditional baby clothing that's classically designed and expertly tailored. Each item includes hand embroidered detailing, smocking, fagotting, fluting and intricate open work designs.

We love the following two items for baby girls:

[Knit Cardigan and Bloomer Set – \\$59.50](#)



This set is a classic combination of cute and cozy. It is available in colors ivory and sea coral in sizes 3 months to 24 months.

[Girls Knit Bunny Shortall – \\$46.95](#)



This outfit is perfect for your little cuddle bunny. It is available in sizes 3 to 24 months.

Both of these are made of 100% cotton and are machine washable. Check out their [website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Pinterest](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for more adorable outfits and accessories

Parenting Trend: Royal Baby Names





By [Haley Lerner](#)

Choosing a name for your child can be extremely tough. You can look through hundreds of baby name books and still not know what to name your little tot. Luckily, we have England's royal family to inspire us with some names perfect for any baby. When [Prince William](#) and [Kate Middleton](#)'s first child Prince George was born, the name George climbed up the top 10 list of baby names for England and Wales, according to the Office for National Statistics. So, we've got the perfect [parenting advice](#) for you to jump on this [parenting trend](#) and give your new addition a royal baby name.

Check out our parenting advice on how to choose a royal baby name for your child!

1. Traditional monarchical names: One way to go in choosing a royal baby name is by going for a more traditional and elegant name, like Victoria or Edward. These names might not be as

common as those currently in the royal family, so one may be a unique choice for your child!

2. Older names: If you prefer a baby name that won't be common, go for a name from older rulers in England, like Matilda, Joan, Edgar or Alfred.

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3. Modern names: If you really love the current royal family, go for a more modern royal name. Whether it's Harry, William, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Louis, Phillip or George, these names can easily be a great fit for your child.

4. Unusual names: Looking for an extra special name for your child? Go for one that's from another royal family outside of Great Britain. Try out Xenia, Zara, Savannah, Cosima, Octavius, Lionel, Nikolai or Charlene.

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5. Opt out of using a royal name: If naming your baby after royals isn't your thing, don't fret! It's perfectly fine to instead go for any name you like. Check out baby name websites and books to find the name you feel is just right!

Have any more tips on how to name your baby after a royal? Comment below!

Parenting Trend: Start A

Garden With Your Children



By Rhodesia Williams

While your kids may love playing with their electronics, a great [parenting trend](#) is starting a garden with your kids! As hot as it can be during the summer months, you can still enjoy this outdoor activity in the mornings and evenings when it's cooler. Not only are you teaching your kids how to garden, you are teaching them responsibility. Picking out flowers or choosing the seeds you want to plant is just half of the fun. Turn their summer into a learning experience away from their iPads.

A little dirt never hurt anybody!

Starting a garden with your children is a cute parenting trend that is fun for everyone.

With kids complaining of boredom or who are too obsessed with electronics, try something new. Gardening is a fun relaxing way to not only teach your kids about nature, but also to give them a sense of responsibility and accomplishment. Here are some benefits of this fun outdoor activity:

1. Responsibility: Enjoy planning and setting up your new garden. After everything is set, work out a watering schedule with your children. Allow them to water and care for their new project. Not only will it keep them busy, but they will learn important life skills around the value of keeping up with your responsibilities.

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2. Quality time: Although the summer months bring a shift in scheduling, this cute activity will allow you and the kids to relax and spend some time together. Taking your kids away from electronics and working on an outside project is good for them. While they have rainy days to enjoy TV and tablets, take the nice, sunny days to be outside and enjoy the fresh air, together.

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3. Never too young to learn: Gardening can help teach your kids the basics of nature and growth. Showing your children how to carefully take care of their plants will encourage them to be accountable. While they will physically see the growth of their plants, you can teach them how plants survive in their environment. Explaining how they grow and the importance

of feeding them, watering them and giving them sunlight will keep your kids interested and involved.

What are some other ways gardening will help your kids? Share below.

Parenting Advice: Social Media for Children



By [Jessica Gomez](#)

Ah, social media – youth and older people alike are very involved in it. When it comes to your children, you obviously

want them to be safe when it comes to the web. Social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat are more for teens and adults than they are for children though. The good news is, there are social media platforms specifically designed for our youth. This is great because it can let parents relax a little. Nevertheless, you want to make sure that you have a serious conversation with your children about safety on social media.

Here are a few fun social media sites for your children to use along with some [parenting advice](#) on how to make sure your kids are safe when it comes to the web:

Make sure to sit down with your children and have a talk about the positives and the dangers of social media. Let them know that they must think before friending people and before clicking the send button. Also, make sure to monitor their activities online. With that being said, have an open line of communication with your kids and make sure there is trust there. This will really help now and in the long run.

Now, here are the social media sites for your little ones:

1. **[Kidzworld](#)**: What is cool about this site is the multi uses for it. Your child will have the choice to create a profile, message friends, partake in secure chat rooms, play online games, create polls, write blogs, and read movie and tv reviews, articles on family and other topics on life! The site is moderated and is for ages nine to 16.

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2. [Gromsocial](#): Parents will be spiked to know that this site is actively monitored 24/7, and adults can only access it once it is confirmed that they are the parents of a user. It's also password protected and parents can receive emails on their child's online activity. Wow! This site gives kids the option to chat, share videos, and get help with their homework. Sounds great to us!

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3. [Club penguin](#): This is more of a place to play games, but children can chat with any other penguins (other children). This is a Disney site where children are penguins and can explore. They play games with other users, live in igloos that they can decorate, and more. This fun site is a community that encourages kids to be friendly and creative. Also, this site does not allow third party advertisements and they monitor all chats.

Which social media platform are you excited for your child to try? Comment below!

Parenting Tips: Make Popsicles with Your Kids This Summer





By [Haley Lerner](#)

In the summer, school is out and your kids are typically spending more time at home. This means that coupled with the sticky hot weather, you have rambunctious children to entertain! Everyone knows the perfect summer treat to cool down is ice cream, but instead of waiting for the ice cream truck to come down your block, why not make a yummy dessert yourself? Or even better, have your little tots help you make them. We have the [parenting advice](#) to help make your summer extra sweet with homemade popsicles.

Check out these parenting tips on how to make popsicles with your kids this summer:

1. Pick out ingredients: Head to the grocery store, and let your child pick out his or her favorite popsicle ingredients. If you're looking to go the simple route, any fruit juice is a good base. If you're ready to put more work into it (and have

a juicer/blender at home), pick out some fresh fruit (and some green veggies if you can manage to sneak them in). Consider picking up whole fruits like blueberries or strawberries to throw in at the end as well.

2. Get a mold: It's important you have something to put all that fruit juice into, so while you're at the grocery store, pick out some small paper cups. Some stores even sell special popsicle molds. Don't forget to grab popsicle sticks, too!

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3. Put it all together: Once home with all of your ingredients, enlist the help of your kid(s) to help put the popsicles together. Help your child pour the juice or fruit puree (after you blend it) into the popsicle molds. It's the perfect parent-child activity that will be super fun for your little chef.

4. Let it freeze: After placing popsicle sticks in the middle of your fruit juice, carefully put all the molds in the freezer and take them out when the pops are frozen. Then, carefully pull the mold off and give your child the perfect frozen treat!

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5. Eat the popsicles outside: It's summer, so enjoy the nice weather while it lasts! Set up a picnic in your yard or at a park, and enjoy the fresh popsicles with your children. Spend a perfect summer day eating your healthy cold snack and playing in the sun.

Do you have any more tips for making the perfect summer popsicles? Comment them below!

Product Review: Baby Fashion for Easy & Cute Parenting



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

This post was sponsored by Tiny Universe.

This [product review](#) of Around the Crib infant clothes is the most adorable thing we've seen today. As if [parenting](#) isn't hard enough, finding cute clothes that can withstand the curiosity of your children is near impossible. Every parent wants their children to look just as glamorous as a [celebrity baby](#), and these designs will help you do just that!

Product review: baby clothes to help you parent in style!

Around the Crib, a division of Tiny Universe, is couture fashion for your beloved little one. Tiny Universe started as a family business 55 years ago and has since become the leading company in headwear. Since then, they have branched into subsidiaries, such as Around the Crib, designed and tested by parents, to create everything you could need for ultimate parenting.

1. [All Tulle Dress](#)



Tulle Dress from Around the Crib. Photo courtesy of aroundthecrib.ca

Colored in soft pink or black and white, this layered, short-sleeved dress can be as delicate or as modern as you choose. Sizes range from newborn to that of a six year old, so siblings can match! The zipper in the back allows for easy dressing on those frustrating mornings. The dress is machine washable and certified by Oeko-Tex, indicating a lack of harmful substances. Priced at \$77, it's the perfect dress for a special occasion.

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2. [Body Ballerina Short Sleeves](#)



Body Ballerina Short Sleeve
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aroundthecrib.ca

This tiny dancer outfit will help those wiggly little legs look even cuter! Sized from newborn to 24 month olds, the ballerina dress is great for hyper toddlers. The ballerina skirt is made from tulle, while the body is 100% cotton. Another machine washable dress means an instant addition to your toddler's wardrobe. At \$43, it's a affordable way to show off your energetic baby!

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3. [Single Rabbit Night Light](#)



Single Rabbit Night Light
from Around the crib. Photo
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What better way to end a product review for your kiddos than with a night light? It will help end your day in the most peaceful way. This rabbit-shaped light is as unique as it is delightful. Designed for little hands, the rabbit lights up all night from anywhere in the room, even from within the crib! With a twelve hour battery life, it automatically lights up when it's off of its charging base. Just set it on the base in the morning for another night of uninterrupted sleep! Best of all, a restful night only costs you \$44.

We love the way Around the Crib makes our babies look! Want to buy one of these cute options? Check out their website at aroundthecrib.ca or their social media pages like [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Product Review: The Perfect Jewelry to Earn a Parenting Win





By Rachel Sparks

Want to know the best tokens of affection you can offer your loved ones? As if [parenting](#) isn't hard enough, trying to please your children is downright challenging. Your child's devotion to the latest trends is unparalleled and practically impossible to keep up with, but these jewelry finds will help make you Parent of the Year and help your child flaunt the latest [celebrity fashion](#)!

Check out these product reviews for your parenting score!

Tiny Dancer Necklace



Isabelle Grace Necklace.
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com

Designed and hand-made by Isabelle Grace, this [necklace](#) features a ballerina charm and a personalized initial charm. It's perfect for commemorating a dance competition or to help your little darling live out their dancing dream! The ballerina charm is three-quarters of an inch tall and half an inch wide. The initial charm, a tiny circle, rests just above the dancer's head. Both charms are fine silver and can be gold coated or oxidized. What's better? You can customize with gems and other charms. Priced at a reasonable \$48, it's an easy to dream of gift for your child.

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Crushed Glass Earrings



Isabelle Grace Drop earrings. Photo Courtesy of Isabelle Grace/Isabellegracejewelry.com

Another great design by Isabelle Grace! These [drop earrings](#) are hand-crafted with crushed German glass and Swarovski teardrop stones for an elegant and retro look. The design comes from Isabelle Grace's Gypsy Glam look that encourages a fearless sense of self and the courage to live life as an adventure. What better gift to give to your children as they enter the turbulent teenage years? The earring hangs on a gold-plated lever back wire and hangs approximately two inches. Priced at \$46, it's an affordable token of your love and support.

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You can shop more custom looks from Isabelle Grace at their website isabellegracejewelry.com or check out their [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages!

Product Review: The Next Best Crib Mattress to Help You Become a Parenting Pro



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

This post was sponsored by Colgate Mattress.

This [product review](#) features the newest technology and innovation for baby sleeping gear. Colgate Mattress, the leading USA-based infant mattress manufacturer, has introduced a new mattress that will ensure your baby sleeps safely and lets you have a sound night of rest. You'll be confident in offering your own [parenting tips](#) after you buy this amazing mattress!

This product review of Colgate Mattresses will help you and your love slay at parenting!

Released March 20, 2018, the newest sleeping technology for infants is the best the market has to offer. The Colgate zenBaby collection offers three types of mattresses for your little one's needs. The Hybrid 2-in-1 cares for your baby up through toddler ages. This mattress features varying degrees of stiffness to develop posture and, above all, safety. The 2-Stage mattress is a lightweight option composed of dual zone certified eco foam. Colgate's third option, the Portable Crib Mattress, is ultra-lightweight for parenting on the go. The mattress's cover is tear-resistant, waterproof, and easy to clean.

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While these mattresses evolve to your children's growing needs and to your desires for versatility, they also promote child safety. KulKote technology is a water-based coating design that adapts to your baby's temperatures, maintaining cool comfort.

What other product review can help your little one feel like a [celebrity baby](#)? Colgate produced the first foam crib mattress from sustainable plant-based oils. All of Colgate's products are hypoallergenic, odorless, and GREENGUARD Gold and CertiPUR-US safe for no harmful emissions. You can feel like parent of the year by buying something that's both great for your baby and the planet!

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When you buy a Colgate mattress, you know you're buying quality. The Hybrid 2-in-1 mattress from the zenBaby collection was announced the Juvenile Products Manufacturer Association (JPMA) 2018 Innovation award during its release last month. Priced at \$273.99, it's the most expensive of the zenBaby options, but well worth the investment into a healthy baby and your peace of mind. The 2-Stage is priced at \$218.99 and the Portable Crib Mattress is at an affordable \$64.99.

We love the peace of mind Colgate's zenBaby mattress collection gives us. Are you ready to buy one or two for the babies in your life? Check out their website at colgatekids.com or check out their [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), or [Instagram](#).

Parenting Advice: Ways to Talk to Your Child About Sexual Assault





By Krav Maga Worldwide

According to the *Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network*, 93% of children that have been sexually assaulted know their perpetrator and the recent scandal involving Larry Nassar, the former USA Gymnastics and Michigan State doctor, has reiterated how even “trusted” adults can manipulate a situation and do things that are not appropriate with a child. It’s important that parents have an open conversation with their child about what sexual assault is and what to do if someone is making them feel uncomfortable.

Below are some [parenting tips](#) from Krav Maga Worldwide, a global leader in defense training, on how to approach this difficult and sometimes uncomfortable subject

with your child:

1. Begin talking to them as young as 2 years old: This may seem very early but children under 12 are most at risk, especially at 4 years old. Even if they can't speak well, children at this age are busy figuring out the world. And they certainly understand and remember a lot more than adults usually realize.

2. Share the only instances when their private parts can be seen and touched: An age appropriate concept for a young child to understand is that nobody – including a parent or caregiver – should see or touch their private parts (what a swimming suit covers up) – unless they're keeping them clean, safe, or healthy.

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3. Talk openly about sexuality and sexual abuse to teach your child that these topics do not need to be "secret": Abusers will sometimes tell a child that the abuse should be kept a secret. Let your child know that if someone is touching him or her or talking to him or her in ways that make him or her uncomfortable or scared, that it should not stay a secret.

4. Babysitters, coaches and teachers can all be perpetrators: Teach children not to assume all adults can be trusted. According to the *Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network*, 93% of children that have been sexually assaulted know their perpetrator. It's important to discuss with children that just because the person is considered a "trusted" adult they can still manipulate a situation and do things that are not appropriate.

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5. Inform your child about the tricks used by sexual predators: Such as continued accidental touching, or where the

predator tricks the child into thinking there is an emergency and the child must go with the predator.

6. Teach children that they must trust their inner voice: Especially that feeling we all have inside that tells us what feels right and what feels wrong or uncomfortable. Many children who have been sexually abused describe a feeling of discomfort as having a “yucky” feeling inside. You must teach your child to trust or honor their inner voice or that “yucky” feeling.

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7. Teach your child that they have the right to say NO!: As the majority of child abuse is based on coercion rather than force, teaching your child to say “NO” strongly and forcefully really can make a big difference in many situations.

About Krav Maga Worldwide:

Founded in 1997 to promote Krav Maga throughout the United States and around the world, Krav Maga Worldwide trains and certifies instructors and licenses over 150 authorized Krav Maga Worldwide training centers in the United States, Canada, Japan, Mexico, South America, and Europe, as well as over 800 law enforcement agencies and military units. Krav Maga offers the highest caliber of instruction to thousands of people, supporting the company's core commitment to improving and saving lives. Krav Maga Worldwide continues to develop, promote and implement self-defense and fitness programs. For additional information, visit: www.kravmaga.com.

Parenting Tips: 5 Spring Activities To Do With Your Child



By [Jessica Gomez](#)

Spring is here, and kids are ready for it! There are many fun activities to do with your child this season; the list is practically endless. However, where do you start when there is so much to do? A parenting tip is to be aware of what your child's interests. With that being said, we have come up with five activities to get your spring going. Do one, do some, or do them all!

You obviously want to have fun this spring with your munchkin, so get ready for our [parenting advice](#) on outdoor activities to do during this blooming season:

Cupid's Advice:

The following five ideas are sure to keep you and your little one busy. Your child is sure to have fun with these activities, and they'll also help you bond:

1. Picnic: When it's nice out, prepare yummy snacks together and set up a picnic. During the picnic, indulge in what you've put together. You can also partake in certain activities like blowing bubbles, flying a kite, going on a scavenger hunt, and playing games like football, soccer and flag football. Sounds like a fun day!

2. Planting flowers and plants: This is a nice and productive activity. You can plant in your backyard, front yard, or in any approved place in your neighborhood. Your child will not only learn how to garden, but they'll also build a connection with nature while making the world a more beautiful place.

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3. Take photos and make a scrap book: Go out and enjoy the spring day. Take photos in the midst of all the blooming beauty around you. Take photos of nature and yourselves, and then create a scrapbook. To give it more of a spring feel, you can add flowers and leaves to your scrapbook as decorations.

4. Bike riding: This is an activity that gets you to workout while being fun. Go for a ride at the park or by a beautiful

body of water to take in the scenery. If your child doesn't know how to ride a bike yet, then its time to teach them!

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5. Go to an animal sanctuary: Ditch zoos and aquariums that capture animals to cage them for human entertainment. Instead go to an animal sanctuary where the animals were rescued and are now living happily. Your child is sure to enjoy themselves by learning about them and cuddling with those cute beings.

Which of these activities are you excited to do with your kid? Comment below!

Product Review: Make Relaxation a Reality While Traveling with Your Baby This Summer





By [Carly Horowitz](#)

As your head lightly falls upon your satin pillow, your mind begins to wander. The white noise machine in the corner of your room prompts your dreams to travel to the beach, in accordance with the wave-like sound. The warm sun shines down on your slightly tanned skin. You taste the sweet, cold margarita... "WAHHH! WAHHHH!" Your precious baby wakes you from this wonderful dream. How great would it be for this dream of a nice, relaxing vacation to become a reality this summer? But, how will this work when you have to care for your baby? Fortunately, there are great products on the market that can make the traveling process with your baby a lot easier. Two specific lifesavers are the Lulla Doll and Mobile Changing Station.

If you are looking to vacation with your baby this summer, take this

parenting advice and get these products!

Lulla Doll: This Icelandic creation works as the perfect sleep companion to give babies a feeling of intense closeness. The doll's appearance incorporates both blue and pink colors in order to work as a suitable companion for all children regardless of race and gender. The coolest thing about this doll is that when the chest is pressed, it plays a real-life recording of the heartbeat and breathing of the child's mother at rest for up to 8 hours. Now, you can travel near and far with your baby in the backseat. You don't have to worry about holding them so that they can have a restful nap because with this doll, they will be able to sleep so soundly listening to your heartbeat and breathing. The doll is made from a soft natural cotton blend so that it is easily machine washable with warm water. It also has the ability to absorb the scent of their caregiver if they hold it close to their skin before giving it to their child. Now, you can either travel far while your baby is guaranteed a restful sleep with this doll by their side, or, you can leave your baby at home with another caretaker while you have an amazing vacation and they will be so content having your heartbeat, breathing, and smell as if you were right there with them. Venture on a fun [date night](#) with your boo while knowing that your baby is safe and sound with their favorite doll. As lulladoll.com says, "nothing can replace loving human contact but the Lulla doll aims to be a second best." Purchase your Lulla Doll today for \$69 and start planning your summer vacation!



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[Mobile Changing Station](#): As appealing as a vacation alone may sound, you may not be able to fathom the thought of leaving your baby in the care of someone else just yet. That doesn't mean your vacation plans have to be halted. Take your baby with you and venture for the long drive with a Mobile Changing Station! This extremely sturdy changing station has the ability to mold to wherever you need to change your baby: in the car, in the park, on the beach, wherever! It also supplies pockets so that you can store your changing needs in there instead of lugging around a whole other bag as well. It even has a strap that you can attach to a seat in your car and just change your baby in the back seat while you venture on your travels. Don't miss out on traveling in the warm weather this summer, you can get your [Mobile Changing Station](#) for \$99.



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Make traveling easy with these products, you deserve a relaxing vacation!

Parenting Advice: Tech-Free Boredom Busters





By [Carly Horowitz](#)

It's time for your children to visit the pediatrician for a check-up! You gather your three anxious, jumping jelly beans into the minivan and start your journey to the doctor's office. "I don't want to get a shot!" "Mommy, are we almost there yet?" "Susie won't stop poking me, Mom!" You finally arrive and they say it is going to be about a 20 minute wait. Oh, great. The easiest thing to do right now would be to stick an Ipad in front of your children's faces and you know they will be occupied playing games until the doctor is ready to see them. But do you really want to resort to that? It is great that we have made such vast advances in technology and we have these amazing devices that have the ability to entertain for hours, but for children, this should be a regulated reward. It is not a bad idea to teach your children to spend their time doing other things to pass the time rather than relying on electronics.

Take this [parenting advice](#) and occupy your children with tech-free boredom busters!

1. Make slime: If your child is really into science or they just like slime (most kids do) then this is a great idea. All you have to do is mix school glue, water, borax, and food coloring together! The mixing process may get a little messy, but once you are done, your children can take these globs of colorful slime wherever! As long as they get the okay from mom.

2. Get out the craft box: If you're at home, and your children are in an antsy mood, shift them into an artsy mood! Gather all your art supplies like paint, crayons, markers, oil pastels, and get to work! This can occupy your children for hours. If you are on the go, there are many portable art kits that you can purchase for your little Picasso.

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3. Mad Libs: Mad Libs is a word game where you are given a template of a story, and you have to fill in random missing words. One player prompts others for a list of words to substitute for the blanks in the story. Then, they read the story out loud and it usually comes out in a funny way that barely makes sense. If your child is at an age where they are honing in on their language skills, this is perfect! Your kids will be having fun and learning about verbs, nouns, and adjectives at the same time. You can even indulge in other games similar to Mad Libs like Scrabble, My Word!, Mad Gab, or Boggle.

4. Make bracelets: There are so many cool ways to make bracelets for both boys and girls. You can get your kids a

book that details how to make bracelet patterns with string and then get them a portable box with a bunch of different string colors in it. They can also make bracelets with beads, noodles, or shells! This activity will be able to get your kids focused. If they get really good at making bracelets, they can even try to have their own little business at the end of your street or at the beach. They can sell their bracelets for \$1 each and start being young entrepreneurs.

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5. Go outside!: Prompt your children to put down the iPad and video games and do some fun activities outside while there is nice weather. They can have some running races with other kids on the block or play hide-and-seek. Plan an exciting treasure hunt for them if it is really a struggle for you to get them up and out. A family bike ride is never a bad idea. Hula hoop, draw with chalk, play in the sprinklers, have a water balloon fight, organize a lemonade stand. The possibilities are endless. There are so many different activities that kids can indulge in that don't have to revolve around technology, you just have to open your mind to all of the options. If you can get your children occupied for long enough, you may even be able to squeeze in a [date night](#) with your hubby!

What are some other tech-free boredom busters? Comment below!

Parenting Tips: Eating Healthy



By [Carly Horowitz](#)

It's extremely important to showcase a healthy lifestyle as a parent. The eating habits that you start your children with set the pace for how your children will eat in the future and throughout the rest of their lives. It's all about balance. Obviously your kids want some treats every so often, and that's okay. As long as most of the foods you are feeding them are healthy, then that is perfect. We all know that sometimes this can be a challenge! Luckily, Cupid is here with some tips and tricks on how to get your kids to eat healthy!

Introduce your children to a healthy lifestyle with these

parenting tips!

Here are some clever tips and tricks to help your kids be the healthiest they can be:

1. Go on an adventure: If your children are struggling to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables, take them to a farm and have them experience picking the fruits and vegetables themselves! Kids love hands-on activities, and this is a great way for them to feel in charge of their own food consumption. Maybe if they pick the blueberries and tomatoes themselves, they will want to eat them!

2. Dip it in: Try adding enhancing ingredients to your children's food to make the experience more delicious for them! Dip vegetables in ranch, hummus, or salsa. Sprinkle some sugar on fruits, or dip them in a yogurt-based sauce! Also, here's another interesting tip: brown sugar can go very well with carrots. Every child has different tastes, so figure out which works best for them personally. It may take some experimenting, but you will have your kids eating healthy in no time.

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3. Playful peer pressure: Invite over someone who your child looks up to for dinner –maybe their older cousin or friend. Make it clear that they are eating the healthy food on their plate and so little Johnny should too so that they can be like him! There are plenty of encouraging television shows and YouTube videos as well that promote healthy eating for children. You can even show them that [celebrity kids](#) like Bear Blu Jarecki and Rocco Ritchie eat very healthy as well!

4. Cook with them: This is another hands-on activity that can engage your child in eating healthy. When you are preparing

dinner, invite the kids to help out so that they will feel like they're contributing. They would be silly not to try eating the healthy meal they have just helped prepare!

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Bonus tip- Watch sugary drinks: Most kids love juice and those yummy, sugary, calorie-packed drinks. Try to limit your child's juice intake to just one cup of juice per day. Prompt them to then drink water throughout the day! Staying hydrated is very important, especially for active kids.

What are some other tips and tricks to get your kids eating healthy? Comment below!

Parenting Advice: How to Keep Your Kids Motivated Throughout the Rest of the School Year





By [Jessica Gomez](#)

Your child's school year is almost over! However, as they approach the finish line, some students may get off track. This is unfortunate considering that they're so close to the end! Having a support system to encourage kids with their studies is essential. The approach to motivating your children can depend on the child's age. However, some methods can be useful for children of any age if they're customized or "tailored" to the girl or boy, and that is where you, the parent, comes in!

Keep your child motivated with this [parenting advice](#), along with some examples from [celebrity parents](#):

1. Stay involved: When you are constantly involved in parent teacher meetings and school events, your child is more likely

to keep their interest in school going. Being active in your child's school not only helps you keep an eye on them, but also familiarizes you with the environment they're in for the majority of the week. Being attentive is key. Celebrity couple [Beyoncé](#) and [Jay-Z](#) stay involved with daughter Blue Ivy's school. Bey volunteered at a fundraiser last year where she performed three hit songs, while Jay-Z attends PTA meetings. And, the duo alternates picking her up and dropping her off to school. If this busy, power couple can make the time, so can you!

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2. Create a reward system while keeping yourself up-to-date: Whether the reward is big or small, a reward is a reward. For example, having your kids do their homework straight after school before taking part in other activities is one way to do it. After doing their homework, getting to play, watch TV, or do any other acceptable activity is a reward. When creating and implementing a reward system, it is important to keep yourself updated with your child's work. Make sure they do their homework and projects, and don't forget to ask them how school went and what they learned. For a little more information on creating reward systems (specifically ones based on the child's age), read on [here](#) along with other creative ideas on [Pinterest](#).

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3. Encourage them: This sounds simple, but many parents tend to sometimes miss it. School becomes something they expect their kids to do because they have to, but that does not mean that it requires any less encouragement than any other activity. Sometimes we're focused on tough love or are just not as involved as we should be (back to tip #1 above). Whichever the case, parents need to find different ways to keep their kids going. Be their cheerleaders! Many celebrity

parents like Sarah Jessica Parker, [Jennifer Lopez](#), Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jessica Alba, and [David Beckham](#), took the approach of encouraging their kids on the first day of school by posting photos on social media – photos can be seen [here](#). This can also work toward the ending of the school year because it's an exciting time that should be celebrated.

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4. Create a nice, clean work space for them: Having a study area free from clutter and unlimited distractions is an important space to have. It encourages you to do work and keeps you situated. Ideally, a good work space will be organized, well-lit, and comfortable. If your child is easily distracted by what's going on outside, their study space should be away from any windows. If they work well in silence, choosing the quietest place is a good idea. If they like some low background music, choose a space where you can set that up. Learn your child's learning and productivity style, and then appoint a space as their study area based upon it.

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5. Share a productive and motivating lifestyle with them: Your mentality has a big say in how motivated and productive you are. Besides controlling your way of thinking, there are a few ways to change your lifestyle and your child's. Getting eight hours of sleep is important, depending on your child's age, even 10 hours of sleep is good for them. Many kids don't get the proper amount of sleep, which makes them too tired to be fully focused and productive in school. A good diet is also important because your child needs the energy to do well in school and in the other parts of their lives. Dark fruits and vegetables along with ones rich in Vitamin B (like broccoli, spinach, celery, beets, blueberries, apples, potatoes, and beans) improve memory and cognition and are also good for alertness. And of course, stay fit by exercising together as

well.

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These are just a few ways to help your child stay motivated for the rest of the school year – there are many more! Being a parent is a huge responsibility, and in order to do the job right, you have to know your child and incorporate different aspects of life into your parenting style, like described above.

What are some ways you keep your little one motivated as they become eager to finish the school year? Share below!

Product Review: 3 Must-Have Items for Running Errands With Your Kids





By [Karley Kemble](#)

If you're an on-the-go parent, you know how challenging it can be to have your little ones tag along with you on your errands. From tantrums in the toy aisle, to sneaking snacks into your cart, a short shopping trip can take a lot longer than you originally planned. While it may seem impossible, these three products are huge game-changers for your next trip to the store!

Grocery shopping just got a little easier with [Molo](#) and [Candy Lane Kidz](#) clothing, [Binxy Baby](#), and [Maddy & Maize Popcorn](#). Check out our product review:

1. [Molo & Candy Lane Kidz](#): Say goodbye to your embarrassment over bringing your child to the store in his or her pajamas. Your little one will be more stylish than you in the

awesome outfits from Molo or from Candy Lane Kidz. Both these brands supply fashion-forward clothing for boys and girls of all ages! Molo specializes in wallet-friendly trends that are flexible, high-quality, and detailed. Candy Lane Kidz is on the pricier side, but perfect for treating your kiddos to something nice! You can't go wrong with any item from either of these brands.

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2. [Binxy Baby](#): Carrying around your car seat or lugging a stroller along is not always practical or easy. It's even more challenging when you have more than one baby with you! The Binxy Baby Shopping Cart Hammock really changes shopping as you know it. This revolutionary invention uses strong cups and a super secure harness that hook on both sides of the cart. Your baby will be safe and comfortable while you grab those groceries! Serena Williams and Heidi Montag love Binxy Baby and use it to cart around their [celebrity babies](#) on their trips to the store.

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3. [Maddy & Maize Popcorn](#): Sometimes, all your kiddos need is a snack to pacify them. Maddy & Maize Popcorn is the perfect solution, as long as your kids are over five years old. These snacks are awesome because they are all-natural, non-GMO, have no artificial ingredients or preservatives, and are made with organic ingredients. They have very yummy flavors that your kids will love – aged white cheddar, cookies and cream, birthday cake, and more! The popcorn is made in small-batches, which makes it perfect to pack in your diaper bag, too.

You deserve a easy and breezy shopping trip, especially when you have your kids tagging along. Do yourself a favor and bring these products into your life! May all your trips to the

grocery store be tear-free and forever happy.

Parenting Tips: Rainy Day Activities



By [Karley Kemble](#)

It's raining, and your kiddos are loving the day inside. At first, they're having a blast playing with their toys, but now they're becoming restless with their pent-up energy. (There are only so many toys, after all, you don't have a [celebrity baby](#)!) You still can't go out since it's wet and raining, so what is there to do? If you've ever been in this

predicament, you know how frustrating it can be for you and your kids! The days where you can't go outside are always the days that your kids want to go outside the most! Never fear, Cupid is here. The next time rain tries to put a damper to your day, you'll have an arsenal of games and activities ready to go!

These parenting tips are sure to alleviate rainy day restlessness and boredom!

1. Build a pillow fort: Relive the days of your childhood, and build a pillow fort with your kids! The best forts don't need much: just pillows or couch cushions, blankets, and chairs. Forts are truly a timeless art form and can be used for many different purposes. Your kiddos will have a blast playing pretend all day and hanging out inside!

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2. Create a scavenger hunt: Scavenger hunts are an awesome way to release pent-up energy. You can set the stakes high with a new toy, or simply hide some candy bars. Get bonus points for having a cohesive theme for the entire hunt, such as pirates or princesses. You'll find that your little ones will really get into the theme and feel as though they're actually looking for buried treasure!

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3. Make a mini museum: Make the old feel new again to your kids, and turn your living room into a museum. Have your kids set up shop by making displays of whatever they feel like showing off – toys, books, and pieces of art – the list is endless! Once the museum is “ready to open,” have your kids

act as the museum docents and take you on a tour. Encourage them to share the history and backstories of all the items, whether they are true or not!

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4. Get crafty: There are tons of crafts you can do while being cooped up inside. One of the biggest DIY crafts with kids right now is “slime.” All you need is Elmer’s glue, borax, water, and food coloring! Crafts keep your kids occupied and engaged and truly help develop their creativity. They’ll also have tons of pride once they have a completed product.

5. Bring out the board games: Contrary to what most people may think, board games are still alive and thriving. Kids aren’t just glued to their technology; they still like board games! Rainy days are the perfect opportunity to open that cabinet full of games and spend quality time with each other. These moments will instill many wonderful memories within your kids’ lives, too!

What do you like to do on rainy days? Tell us in the comments – we’d love to hear about it!

Parenting Tips: 5 Fun Ways to Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with Your Kids





By [Rachel Sparks](#)

St. Patrick's Day is a fun holiday, but a lot of kids don't understand how fun it can be. Win parent of the year with these St. Patty's Day activities fit for the whole family. Celebrate with famous Irish folks, such as [Gwen Stefani](#), John Travolta, Meryl Streep, and Harrison Ford, among so many! Cupid's [parenting tips](#) will help make this green-filled, gold-coin, leprechaun-hunting holiday an unforgettable day for everyone!

Parenting Tips: The 5 Best Ways to Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Your **Family!**

1. Green-themed food: Get your kids excited for St. Pat's Day with green food! Guacamole and fried spinach tortillas are a delicious starter. Make a party of decorating a cake. Make a kid-friendly green bar, serving green ginger ale, green sprite, or Mountain Dew!

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2. Build a leprechaun trap: Kids love imagination and lore, so let them get wild with this one! Tell them stories about leprechauns and then give them a cardboard box and all the craft supplies they need to catch that little rascal.

3. Make a traditional Irish dinner: Food makes everyone come together and, generally speaking, full bellies make happy people. Try out some traditional Irish recipes! Irish soda bread, a classic, is the heart of the meal. Shepherd's pie, Kale Colcannon, and Guinness-marinated beef are just a few hearty ideas for this grand meal.

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4. Shamrocks and clovers: Long ivy tendrils, rolling green hills, moss-ridden cliffs, natural green is everywhere in Ireland. Get into the natural tradition of the Irish by celebrating shamrocks and clovers! Spend the day at the park with your family looking for four leaf clovers or have a fun time teaching your kiddos how to garden by planting shamrocks.

5. On the hunt: Make a scavenger hunt for your kids! Tell them that there's a pot of gold at the end of it to pump up the excitement with a sizable reward. For a more thrilling twist, gear up your children like Indiana Jones to go on the ultimate leprechaun hunt!

How do you get your kids excited about other cultural holidays? Share your St. Patrick's Day parenting tips below!