

# Parenting Tips: 5 Unique Ways to Have Fun in the Sun with Your Child



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[Neil Patrick Harris](#) and his son Gideon were spotted enjoying a gorgeous day out on the water while kayaking in Vancouver this summer. Keeping your child entertained when they're not in school can be fun for you, too! If you and your child are looking for something new, we have you covered!

Check out these [parenting tips](#) for five unique ideas for fun in the sun!

1. **Get silly with Lawn Twister:** Leave your plastic Twister mat inside and have fun on the grass! Buy red, blue, yellow, and

green spray paint to create your Twister lawn design. Spray medium sized circles by copying the format as seen on the regular plastic mat. Make a spin board by using cardboard, markers, a pin, and an arrow for your DIY Twister spinner! You can also use the one that comes with the original game if you have it.



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**2. Play Human Hungry Hippo:** Twister's not the only childhood board game you can bring to life! This activity is great for summer play dates with other parents and children. You will need 2 to 4 laundry baskets and a mechanic creeper, depending on how many people are playing. You will also need colored plastic balls to act as your hippo pebbles. This life size adaptation is loads of fun and will keep everyone giggling for hours.



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**3. Create Bubble Wrap Stomp Paintings:** Parenting Blog [Messforless.com](#) originally came up with this cool arts and crafts project to tackle with you and your little one. Go to the post office or use bubble wrap from your recent order, and make bubble wrap boots for your child to create paintings in! You can also create adult sized boots to join in on the creative process!



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**4. Swim with dolphins:** If you live near a Sea World or plan on

traveling this summer, find a location that offers you the ability to swim with dolphins! You and your child can have an unforgettable bonding experience with wild life! Make sure to bring a life jacket just in case your child needs it.



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**5. Make a food truck bucket list:** Sit down with your child and make a list of food you both love, or search for food trucks in your state that you would like to try! Look out for food truck festivals happening near you as well. This is a fun and tasty way to get out of your house and possibly try new meals with your child!



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**Do you have other ideas for having fun with your child this summer? Share your ideas with our readers in the comments!**