

# Parent & Child Activity Calendar

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**Parents**  
make the difference!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Celebrate April Fool's Day. Ask your child to help you play a harmless, silly prank on family members.	<b>2</b> Ask your child to tell you the three best things about herself.	<b>3</b> Ask your child to draw a picture of himself today. Was he feeling happy, sad, confused, angry?	<b>4</b> Read an age-appropriate joke book with your child today.	<b>5</b> Have a pattern day. Ask your child to notice patterns around her, such as a striped shirt or a flowered sheet.	<b>6</b> Praise your child for something he did today. Make your praise as specific as possible.	<b>7</b> Do body arithmetic. Ask your child how much her fingers, knees, toes and nose add up to.
<b>8</b> Ask your child "What if" questions: "What if your hair were made of spaghetti?"	<b>9</b> Start a made-up story. "A man went down the road and he met a ... ." Let your child finish the story.	<b>10</b> Make a paper crown and let your child play Majesty for a day. What rules would he set?	<b>11</b> Make a letter tree. Hang new letters from the tree as your child learns them.	<b>12</b> Share something of yours with your child today. It's the best way to teach her to share with others!	<b>13</b> Go for a nature walk to celebrate spring's arrival. If allowed, pick some wild flowers to put in a vase.	<b>14</b> Take your child by a construction site. Talk about what the workers are doing and the machines they use.
<b>15</b> Teach your child the Golden Rule—treat others as you would like to be treated.	<b>16</b> Read a story to your child. Later ask him to retell it to you from memory.	<b>17</b> Tell your child she learns when she tries new things. Today, try a new food or take a new route home together.	<b>18</b> Put as many shoes as you can find into a pile. Mix them up. Encourage your child to sort them into pairs.	<b>19</b> Have your child draw or paint a picture of the place where you live.	<b>20</b> Set up a well-lit corner with pillows and favorite books. Encourage your child to get cozy with books.	<b>21</b> After a bath, let your child make wet footprints on colored construction paper. What do they look like?
<b>22</b> Encourage your child to try two motor tasks at the same time—for example, clapping hands while walking.	<b>23</b> Cut out pairs of pictures (two dogs, two cats). Paste on index cards. Place face down and ask your child to match the pairs.	<b>24</b> Help your child make a collage from odds and ends around the house—ribbons, string, buttons, etc.	<b>25</b> Stand facing your child. Have him pretend to be a mirror and imitate all your movements. Then, trade places.	<b>26</b> Give your child crayons and a large sheet of paper. Put on some favorite music to inspire artistic creativity.	<b>27</b> Write a note to tell her you love her. Put it in a place where only she will find it.	<b>28</b> Help your child look up facts about a favorite animal at the library. Use the internet, books or an encyclopedia.
<b>29</b> Teach your child the rhyme: "April showers bring May flowers." Have him draw a picture of rain and flowers.	<b>30</b> Ask your child, "What would happen if your favorite animal lived in your room?"	<h1>April 2018</h1>				