

Activities to Do With Kids: A Grandparent's Quick Guide

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Children are full of fun and laughter – and loads of energy, too. When your grandchildren visit, those laughs will draw you in but after a few hours or more, they could drain your stamina. Use these activities to do with [kids](#) to keep them engaged without completely wearing yourself out.

Make Sock Puppets

There's a reason sock puppets have been a favored craft for many generations – they're easy to make, customizable and can instantly be put into play for skits and puppet shows. Better yet, you might already have a pile of unmatched socks just waiting to be used. To get started making sock puppets, gather enough socks so the whole gang can create at least one and possibly two. Next, break out your craft supplies, or stock up on these inexpensive items:

- Googly eyes
- Buttons
- Pipe Cleaners
- Felt
- Fabric

- Fabric Paint
- Permanent Markers
- Glue gun

The sky's the limit with this craft – your children can bring to life whatever puppet they envision without a lot of materials. You can help by manning the hot glue gun or helping your little ones with fabric or craft glue. Then, sit back and enjoy the show your grandchildren and these new puppets will be ready to put on.

Play Twister

Don't let a game like Twister intimidate you - you don't have to dive into the melee and turn yourself inside out just to enjoy this game with your grandchildren. Instead, volunteer to be the leader and spin the dial for your grandchildren to begin pairing appendages with colors. You'll save all of your energy and be treated to a hilarious show of flexibility and fun. Twister is a game that turns out differently every single time the dial is spun, so you can create loads of laughter.

Embark on a Treasure Hunt

Remember the treasure hunts you used to go on for school and church activities? Bring that tradition into the modern era by setting up your home to host an indoor treasure hunt. Choose a dozen or so common household items or trinkets and hide them in easy-to-access spaces. Then draw up a key to give to your grandchildren, and sit back while they put their best detective foot forward. You can follow them around the house and tell them encouraging words as they search for each item.

Ready for your next family visit? With these simple activities to do with kids, you're ready to play host to your grandchildren and create hours of entertainment and fun.