

## ACTIVITIES & LINKS

TO KEEP YOUR **3.5-6 YEARS OLD**, ACTIVE & HAVING FUN WHILE THEY ARE AT HOME.



SmartKids' "Play-2-Learn" builds on 40+ years of experience demonstrating how learning through play is a powerful and effective approach to ensure children's healthy development, wellbeing, and learning.

Play can support the holistic development and resilience children need to thrive in a complex and constantly changing world.

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### QUICK SET UP ACTIVITIES

#### SHAPE BOWLING

Find different objects to use for bowling pins, like blocks or plastic cups. Set them up in different ways. Try forming shapes like circle, triangle and square formations. Roll the ball slowly then quickly. Try standing closer then further away.

#### PLAY WITH LINES

Draw large lines on a piece of paper and let your child cover them with beads, pom poms, collage pieces or buttons.

#### MYSTERY BAG GAME

Put common objects into a bag or a covered basket and with using your hands only, guess what they are.

#### GET OUT INTO THE GARDEN

Why not set up your veggie or herb garden. You don't need a large space to even plant vegetables, all you need is a pot, some good quality potting mix and some vegetables (for eg. Lettuce, carrots, cherry tomatoes, radish, baby spinach, chives, parsley, thyme)

#### SOUND GAMES

Match common objects to their sounds. Behind a pillow or a shield of some type, collect a few household objects that make sounds. One at a time make the sound with the object and encourage your child to identify what the object is.

#### NUMBER GAMES

On a piece of card for each, write a number and encourage your child to place that amount of match sticks, twigs or any other item you could use for counting underneath the matching number.

### FITNESS FUN NAME ACTIVITY

Spell out your full name by completing the activity listed for each letter. For a greater challenge, include your middle name and even surname or a family member's name!

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| <b>A</b> jump up & down 10 times                      | <b>N</b> pick up a ball without using your hands                   |
| <b>B</b> spin around in a circle 5 times              | <b>O</b> walk backwards 50 steps and skip back                     |
| <b>C</b> hop on one foot 5 times                      | <b>P</b> walk sideways 20 steps and hop back                       |
| <b>D</b> run to the nearest door and run back         | <b>Q</b> crawl like a crab for a count of 10                       |
| <b>E</b> walk like a bear for a count of 5            | <b>R</b> walk like a bear for a count of 5                         |
| <b>F</b> do 3 cartwheels                              | <b>S</b> bend down and touch your toes 20 times                    |
| <b>G</b> do 10 jumping jacks                          | <b>T</b> pretend to pedal a bike with your hands for a count of 17 |
| <b>H</b> hop like a frog 8 times                      | <b>U</b> roll a ball using only your head                          |
| <b>I</b> balance on your left foot for a count of 10  | <b>V</b> flap your arms like a bird 25 times                       |
| <b>J</b> balance on your right foot for a count of 10 | <b>W</b> pretend to ride a horse for a count of 15                 |
| <b>K</b> march like a toy soldier for a count of 12   | <b>X</b> try and touch the clouds for a count of 15                |
| <b>L</b> pretend to jump rope for a count of 20       | <b>Y</b> walk on your knees for a count of 10                      |
| <b>M</b> do 3 somersaults                             | <b>Z</b> do 10 push-ups  |



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**ACTIVITIES WITH MINIMAL RESOURCES**

**SHADOW TUBES**

Such a fabulous idea for story telling and imagination. Empty cardboard paper towel rolls, plastic wrap, sticky tape, stickers or draw and cut out your own paper/card characters. Shine a torch through and inspire your little story tellers.



**DINOSAUR PHONICS NESTS**

With young children it is important to give them a chance to play and learn. Build a dinosaur small world or maybe some dinosaur nests like this family. Make some letter stones and a word list to practice reading and building words using the 'stone eggs'. For younger learners you could simply use them for the sounds or letter names of the alphabet or their own name instead of words.



**CARDBOARD ROLL HAIRCUTS**

To prepare this activity cut paper towel rolls in half to make double. Draw funny faces on the rolls and then cut slits all around the top. This activity is a fun way to encourage children to practise those scissor skills and strengthen fine motor skills. As an extension to this activity you could invite your child to first give the cardboard roll people crazy hair colours using markers, then a haircut.

**10 Positive WAYS TO WISH YOUR CHILD A GOOD DAY**

- 1 Be Kind. Be helpful. Be YOU!
- 2 Make a difference.
- 3 Today is a new day!
- 4 I believe in you!
- 5 I LOVE you for who you are!
- 6 Be everything you can be!
- 7 Be brave, be kind, be bold.
- 8 Learn something new today!
- 9 Try your best, have fun!
- 10 Today will be a great day if you start with a great attitude.

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