

# More Things to Do Together

Pick a simple word and take turns with your child, thinking of as many rhyming words as you can. Have fun! Even made-up words are OK.

Glue a photo of your child to the middle of a paper plate. Divide the rest of the plate into sections labeled *my favorite toy*, *my favorite color*, *my friends*, etc. Your child can then draw a picture for each section. You can help label each picture.

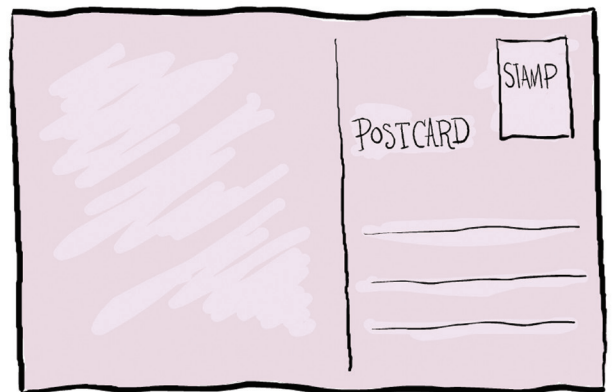


Point out street signs and pictures in newspapers or on billboards. Ask your child to guess what the person is saying, thinking, or feeling. Then share what the image or text is really about.

Choose a song your child already knows and then work together to make up your own lyrics. Silly songs are lots of fun to make up.

Choose any two of your child's toys and make up a story about them. One of you can pretend to be one toy and the other can be the other toy. Then write the story and ask your child to draw pictures. Keep all the stories in one place so you can reread them.

Help your child write a letter to a family member who lives outside your home. Your child may choose to begin with a picture or by telling you what to write. While you're writing, you can share stories about how important letters used to be before the Internet.



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Schedule regular family reading time when all the members of your family can read aloud together. This is a good time to pick a children's chapter book and read one chapter each night. Then, you can all follow a story together and talk about what might happen.

Help your child find the first letter of his or her name in signs and billboards. You can also try to spot other letters from the alphabet.

Visit a library that has public computers. You and your child can search for information of interest. (Ex: horses, trucks, dinosaurs, etc.) At home later write down what you learned and ask your child to draw pictures.

Create a personal library at your home. You and your child can pick a crate, box, or shelf to hold books. Make a label with your child's name. Fill it with children's books from your public library. Then, each night at bedtime, let your child pick out something for you to read together. When it's time to return the books, the two of you can have fun picking out new ones to bring home.

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