



Turn up the fun

Description

The festive season is an exciting time of year when we get to relax and recharge. It's a time filled with fun gatherings, sleep-ins and late breakfasts – but keeping children entertained during the holidays can sometimes be a challenge.

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We've come up with a few fun ideas to keep your little ones engaged and happy throughout the holidays without blowing the budget. It's the perfect opportunity to spend quality time with them and watch them blossom.

Do it yourself

One of the best ways to keep children entertained is through crafting and DIY projects. These activities not only keep them busy but also stimulate their creativity. Why not make holiday-themed decorations and homemade greeting cards for friends and family? Gather some basic supplies such as coloured

paper, glue, glitter and colourful markers or crayons, and let their imaginations run wild.

Be a master chef

The festive season is synonymous with delicious treats, and what better way to keep children entertained than by involving them in baking and cooking? Simple recipes like biscuits and cupcakes are perfect for little hands. Not only will they enjoy the process of mixing, rolling, and decorating, but they will also take pride in the finished product. Plus, it's a great way to teach them basic cooking skills and the importance of following instructions.

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Catch some rays

The sunny weather at this time of year makes outdoor activities a fantastic way to burn off some energy. Organise a treasure hunt in your backyard or local park, where children can search for hidden holiday-themed items. A bicycle ride, hike or even a picnic at the beach or local river will give the kids hours of excitement – and a dose of vitamin D too!

Take it to the big screen

If a cozy indoor activity is just what you need, set up a movie marathon with classic holiday movies such as Home Alone, Elf, or The Polar Express. Create a comfortable viewing area with blankets, pillows and popcorn.

Escape to another world

Sometimes escaping into the pages of a good book is like a little holiday within a holiday. How about story time with festive books? Reading together not only entertains but also fosters a love for literature and improves your child's language skills.

Figure it out

Boardgames and puzzles are excellent for keeping children entertained while also encouraging critical thinking and teamwork. Choose games that are age-appropriate and can be enjoyed by the whole family. Classic games like Monopoly, Scrabble, or even a simple deck of cards (remember playing Snap as a kid?) can provide hours of fun.

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Put on a show

Encourage your children to put on a little concert or talent show – they can even make the props themselves. This will provide hours of entertainment and boost their confidence as they watch you enjoy their singing, dancing and acting.

Pay it forward

Teaching children the importance of giving back during the festive season can be both rewarding and entertaining. Involve them in charitable activities such as donating toys, helping at a local food bank, or

making care packages for those in need. This will also develop in them a sense of empathy and community spirit.

Keeping your children entertained during the festive season doesn't have to be complicated. With a mix of creative, outdoor and indoor activities, you can ensure that the holidays are filled with fun, laughter and memorable moments for the entire family.

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