

Online Family Games & Activities for Preschoolers



Free Games

Read a book

This is a classic form of parent-child connection. Read the story aloud to the child over the video call. Be sure to show them each page with the pictures. It works even better if the child has the book, too. Consider mailing them a copy so they can follow along.

Complete a puzzle

Choose from the free, preschooler-friendly puzzles at happyclicks.net. You can also experiment with completing a physical puzzle together, either by watching the child do it or by having two copies and taking turns adding pieces.

Do a maze

Happyclicks.net also hosts mazes appropriate for preschool kids. Load one of the mazes on your computer, and then share your screen to complete it together. Screen sharing is easiest on Zoom, Google Meet, or Skype.

Do a scavenger hunt around the house

Make a list of items for your child to find in the house. Get creative. For example, list “something sparkly” rather than “a spoon.” Then, set a timer for 1-2 minutes for your kid or kids to find each item. If possible, have them bring the camera on the hunt and tally up how many items they find.

Play Simon Says

This classic game is great for younger children to practice listening and following directions. Have one person be “Simon.” When Simon gives a command after saying, “Simon says...” the other family members should perform that action. But, if Simon doesn’t say, “Simon says,” they shouldn’t perform the action. Take turns playing Simon.

Online Family Games & Activities for Teens

Paid Games



Alphabet Hopper

In this game, kids practice identifying different letters of the alphabet. Education.com has an excellent animated version of this game for paid members, or you can create your own free version by making physical flashcards with different letters of the alphabet. Show the flashcards individually and have the child practice their letters.

Rhyming

This is a fun way to teach kids new words. If the children are starting to read, you can also add a visual component and write out each word you rhyme. Use the rhyming games on ABCmouse.com. A paid account also gets you access to their library of hundreds of other games suitable for preschool children.