

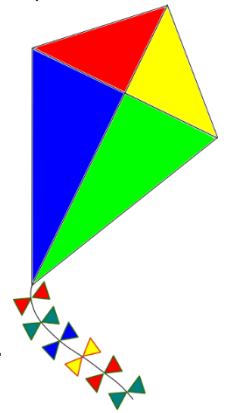
100+ THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR LITTLE!*

1. Play JENGA – traditional, or BBBS style (write a fun get-to-know-you question on each block and answer them as you take turns playing)
2. Bowl For Kids' Sake together, last weekend in February!
3. Start a hobby together (e.g., astronomy, clowning, sewing, music, singing, drama, dance, stained glass, painting, poetry...).
4. Start a collection of something you are both interested in like stamps, rocks, coins, comics, bugs, dolls, figures, sports cards, etc.
5. Walk, train, and play with your pet together.
6. Pop popcorn (the "old fashioned" way, not in the microwave) and watch a movie.
7. Go to Terry Trueblood Recreation Area and take out a kayak or paddle-boat for a spin on the lake.
8. Build a model car, plane, or rocket.
9. Visit Petland or the local animal shelter.
10. Form your own book club (just you two, or with other matches) and/or read together.
11. Go to a circus or carnival.
12. Draw, paint, work with clay, or make paper-mache animals or casts of each other.
13. Play Charades, checkers, chess, backgammon, or any board or card game; you can even have fun creating your own!
14. Research your family trees together – the library and Internet are great resources!
15. Attend your Little's school play, concert or sporting event to cheer him/her on!
16. Tour an area firehouse or police station.
17. Feed birds or go to a park and feed the ducks.
18. Go roller-skating for free at Robert A. Lee Rec Center; need a Facility Pass (free)
19. Go Ice skating
20. Have a TV show you both watch every week, then call and talk about it.
21. Do a science project together using household products (find out what happens to an egg soaked in vinegar).
22. Take a free kid-friendly class at your local Home Depot or Toys 'R Us.
23. Bounce on a trampoline.
24. See one of our local sports teams or college teams in action – ask your Mentoring Specialist about tickets!
25. Rock climb, swim, or play basketball or workout at the UI Recreation & Wellness Center. Purchase passes for \$3 from us.
26. Take a walk and bring a memento bag to collect interesting objects along the way...
27. Prepare a meal together from start to finish – try finding good recipes online or in your favorite cookbook. (YUMMY!)
28. Help your Little with homework or a school project.
29. Write a letter to your Little on your match anniversary telling what you've noticed about him/her in the last year. Ex: positive changes, growth or maturity.
30. Watch a fireworks show.
31. Go horseback riding.
32. Take your Little to your place of employment (if appropriate)
33. Make your own cards for holidays, birthdays, and other special occasions for friends and relatives.



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34. Trim the hedges, mow the lawn, rake the leaves, and do other yard work together; perhaps for an elderly or busy neighbor.
35. Build a bird house or feeder.
36. Go bowling at or play putt-putt golf!
37. Visit a park you've never been to, or a familiar favorite.
38. Watch a parade.
39. Check into local history/archeology.
40. Fly a kite at the park – for an extra challenge, make your own kites!
41. Write and send letters in the mail to each other, or get pen pals.
42. Share family/vacation pictures with each other.
43. Create a Match scrapbook or photo album to record all your fun times together.
44. Start a garden - indoors or out.
45. Carve a pumpkin together - don't forget to roast the seeds!
46. Make a log cabin, picture frame, or anything you can think of out of popsicle sticks.
47. Pick apples and/or ride the tractor (free on Family Nights) at Wilson's Apple Orchard (open seasonally)
48. Try new restaurants together. Write reviews and submit them on websites like Yelp, or to the school paper. (Half-price gift cards often available at littlevillage.com/perks)
49. Go to the movies, or rent one for free from the library.
50. Teach him/her how to change the oil in your car, or any handy skills you may have.
51. Complete a jigsaw puzzle.
52. Volunteer at a community center/soup kitchen/humane society.
53. Take a bike ride together (there are several trails in the area – www.trailnet.org). Remember your helmets!
54. Make up new lyrics to a song – maybe even about your match. Definitely share with your Mentoring Specialist. 😊
55. Go to an auto show, boat show, or truck pull.
56. Make your own T-shirts with fabric markers and colored glue or tie dye.
57. Enjoy cloud watching on a nice day.
58. Go swimming or even play with the water hose or sprinkler in the backyard.
59. Volunteer with a United Way sponsored agency (check first about age restrictions).
60. Keep a journal of all your outings together and what you liked/disliked about each.
61. Make friendship bracelets, or do other crafts together.
62. Play frisbee, catch, basketball, volleyball, touch football, croquet, badminton, etc.
63. Make paper airplanes and gliders, paper football, and/or paper fortune tellers.
64. Go holiday caroling.
65. Go apple picking and try different apple recipes with your apples.
66. Visit a local museum – there are plenty to choose from!
67. Write a newsletter together to send to your friends and relatives.
68. Play games on the internet or peruse your favorite age-appropriate sites together.
69. Play golf, or just hit golf balls at a driving range.
70. Wrap gifts using old magazines and newspaper.
71. Show him/her how to maintain their bike—replace chain, repair brakes, etc.
72. Make an obstacle course in your yard or local park and time each other.
73. Make puppets.
74. Play video games/pinball.
75. Use sidewalk chalk and draw pictures on the sidewalk.



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76. Let your Little drive...at a go-cart track!
77. Look through coupon books for 2 for 1 deals for your favorite activities.
78. Let your Little do chores and run errands with you.
79. Call your Mentoring Specialist and let them know about the activities you have tried, and/or leave a funny voicemail together.
80. Go on sound scavenger hunt with a tape recorder.
81. Bake a cake, cookies, or brownies or make candy – share with others!
82. Have a picnic.
83. Make a collage on “friendship” or your Little’s life using pictures and headlines from old magazines and newspapers.
84. Geocaching.
85. Call the local animal shelter about helping or touring (age restrictions may apply)..
86. Look up new words in the dictionary. Try to keep a straight face using them in conversation with others.
87. Music swap and/or listen to music together.
88. Ask them to teach you something.
89. Plan for a money earning project and/or save money for
90. Blow bubbles.
91. If your Little is a teenager, practice completing job and college applications, or scholarship applications.
92. Show your Little your high school yearbook, baby pictures, old report cards, etc.
93. Build a snowman/woman.
94. Go on a camera scavenger hunt – Make a list of the things you want pictures of before you go and let your Little take the pictures.
95. Peruse Pinterest.com together for endless rabbit holes of craft/activity inspiration
96. Attend a Kirkwood Eagles sporting event in Cedar Rapids! Tickets to men’s and women’s basketball games are \$5, and free for youth 10 and under.
97. Spend some time with your Mentoring Specialist! We love getting out of the office and hanging out with matches!
98. Go to local art fairs, festivals, and events (check the “GO” section of the Press-Citizen every Thursday).
99. Attend a BBBS Match Activity – Calendar of Events on www.bbbsjc.org/events
100. Children’s Museum, Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville
<http://www.theicm.org/> (free admittance when you’re together, get passes beforehand from BBBS)
101. Visit the [Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum](http://www.herberthoover.org/) in West Branch (\$10 for people 16 and older, \$3 for ages 6-15):
<https://hoover.archives.gov/visiting/index2.html>
102. Explore the Johnson County Historical Society <http://www.jchsiowa.org/>



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

103. Friday Night Concert Series, Saturday Night Outdoor Movies, or other Summer of the Arts fun... check out: www.summeroftheARTS.org)
104. Iowa City/Coralville Area Convention and Visitor Bureau – Events like Festivals, Sports, Farmers' Markets www.THINKIOWACITY.com
105. Take a Kid Outside – Iowa (events like Seize the Carp, Moon Walk and Star Party, Pumpkin Party, etc.) <https://www.facebook.com/TAKOIowa/>
106. See what's happening in Iowa City Press-Citizen Events <http://events.press-citizen.com/>
107. Explore North Liberty Events <http://northlibertyiowa.org/city-services/recreation-department/events-calendar/>

**Pro Tip: Take pictures of your fun and share with the Little's parent(s)/guardian(s) to strengthen family relationships + provide great memories! Text or e-mail them to your Mentoring Specialist; we love to see, too.*

But remember! You are only allowed to share pictures of your Little on social media if they and their parent/guardian have both approved!

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