

Indoor *activity checklist* for kids

- Make snow ice cream or ice cream in a bag if you don't have snow :)
- Make a fort with chairs and sheets. Light it up with Christmas tree lights!
- Make homemade playdough and create a playdough village.
- Have the kids write their own play and perform it.
- Make sock puppets and act out a skit.
- Bake cookies or a cake.
- Write a story about your life or about yourself in the future.
- Find all the Legos and/or blocks in the house and create the tallest structure possible.
- Hunt for pennies around the house and make these penny spinners.
- Make homemade hot chocolate and watch a movie together.
- Paint a picture (with craft paint or whatever paint you have on hand). For younger kids, place a piece of paper inside a gallon size ziplock bag, add some paint and let them "paint" through the plastic for less mess!
- Make potato stamps and find a variety of things to stamp: copy paper, newspaper, an old t-shirt, etc.
- Make costumes out of newspaper and tape. Color with markers or crayons. (Ideas: dress up as pirates, princesses/knights or animals.)
- Make instruments with rubber bands, wax paper and toilet paper rolls or other objects (baking pans, tin cans, wooden spoons etc).
- Create a sensory bin in a plastic shoebox with hidden objects for younger kids to find.
- Grow an indoor herb garden and let kids help plan the dinner menus with their results.
- Make some kid-friendly DIY bath bombs for bath time.
- Build a marble run out of toilet paper rolls or paper cups.

- Cut out paper snowflakes to decorate the house. Check out these free [printable templates](#).
- Purchase a **Kinetic Sand kit** and let younger kids play on top of a sheet on the kitchen floor.
- Act out a scene from your favorite movie.
- Pop some microwave popcorn and make popcorn garland (or just eat it!).
- Make your own [snow globe](#).
- Play charades.
- Color macaroni noodles with markers and string onto necklaces.
- Make "my favorites" collages by cutting out pictures from magazines of your favorite animals, items with all your favorite colors, favorite foods, etc and pasting on posterboard or a large piece of cardboard.
- Play a [board game](#).
- Play card games together -- check out these 15 [easy card game](#) ideas for kids.
- Write a letter to an out-of-state relative or friend.
- Start a journal. (Check out our [Free Printable Family Journal!](#))
- Make a zoo with all the stuffed animals in the house. Use laundry baskets, cardboard, string, etc for cages and fences.
- Make an indoor obstacle course.
- Play dress-up in Halloween costumes.
- Make [plastic bottle bowling pins](#) and bowl down the hallway with a basketball.
- See how high you can stack plastic cups, or make a castle or "igloo" with them.
- For older kids: organize schoolwork, pictures and artwork you've saved from previous years into a scrapbook or binder.
- Have a tea party with fancy outfits, real tea and cookies.
- Make some [non-toxic slime](#). (Even better- use natural food coloring.)
- Go fishing indoors with a fishing pole, paperclips and gummy worms. ([Instructions here.](#))
- Make [bird seed ornaments](#) for the birds to enjoy.