



# Kids' Activity Guide

For Sick, Rainy, Holiday, and School Closure Days

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# Welcome!

Sometimes we get stuck at home due to things out of our control, and on those days it can be hard to know how to keep busy in a way that is fun for the whole family.

We've put this guide together for you to help! We'll also keep it updated with latest and greatest activities, so visit our website whenever you need this, and keep your list fresh! Do note that age ranges listed are approximate.

You'll find activities that cover a huge range of topics and things to do that will surely help you and your family make your downtime enjoyable.

From all of us at ABC Academy of Music - have fun!

***Check our website regularly for the latest version of this guide and other resources!***

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**SIMPLY PLAY**  
— An Indoor Playground —

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# 'FIELD TRIPS'

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## **FarmFood 360°**

Explore Canadian food and farming with an immersive farm tour <https://www.farmfood360.ca/>

## **Discovery Education Virtual field trips**

Experience Polar bears, go behind the scenes at the Ford Motor Company, visit the Girl Scouts' STEM Center of Excellence and more: <https://www.discoveryeducation.com/community/virtual-field-trips/>

## **The Google Art Project**

features content from over 1200 leading museums and archives – explore collections, cultural sites, museums, galleries, art movements, historical events, and so much more!

<https://artsandculture.google.com/>

## **Take a free virtual museum tour:**

### **The Louvre**

<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne#tabs>

### **Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History**

<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>

### **The Guggenheim:**

<https://www.guggenheim.org/collection-online>

### **The Dali Theatre Museum**

<https://www.salvador-dali.org/en/museums/dali-theatre-museum-in-figueres/visita-virtual/>

## **NASA**

Langley Research Center <https://oh.larc.nasa.gov/oh/>

The Glenn Research Center <https://www.nasa.gov/glennvirtualtours>

The Space Center Houston app <https://spacecenter.org/app/>

## **The Vatican Museum**

<http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.html>

## **The National Women's History Museum:**

<https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits>

## **The National Museum of the United States Air Force**

<https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Visit/Virtual-Tour/>

## **The Anthropocene Project**

Interactive gigapixel essays based on the large-scale photography of Edward Burtynsky, and the video work of Jennifer Baichwal and Nicholas de Pencier.

<https://theanthropocene.org/interactive/gigapixel-essays/>

## **Stratford Festival (Canada)**

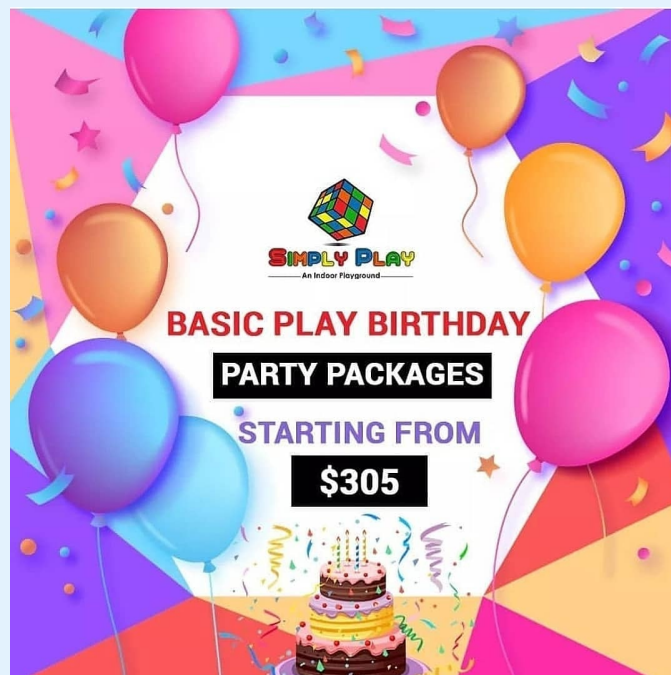
Live streaming of full theatre productions from the Stratford Festival.

<https://www.stratfordfestival.ca/AtHome>

## **National Theater (London, UK)**

A rotating weekly presentation of a full theatre production from London, England.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ntdiscovertheatre/featured>



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**STORY TIME,  
READING,  
BOOKS,  
WRITING**

## **Storyline**

Professional actors read some great picture books <https://www.storylineonline.net/>

## **Brightly Storytime • Babies–Teens**

Book picks, reading tips and activities <https://www.readbrightly.com/topics/brightly-storytime/>

## **HarperKids**

Authors read their books aloud on the publisher's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLiYzMwyBPG96EDjV7MAohaCnXoQnqiBmG>

## **Kidlit TV**

Authors read their books plus book-inspired crafts and activities <https://kidlit.tv/category/read-out-loud/>

## **Storybird Online • Grades 2 and up**

Pictures to inspire children to write their own stories, as well as lessons, quizzes and writing prompts.

<https://storybird.com/>

## **Reading A-Z • Kindergarten–Grade 5**

Levelled e-books with comprehension quizzes <https://www.raz-kids.com/>

## **Newsela • Grades 2 and up**

News articles for a variety of reading levels – each article available at multiple reading levels.

<https://newsela.com/>

## **Starfall • Pre-K - Grade 2**

Reading and pre-reading games and activities. <https://www.starfall.com/h/>

## **Scholastic Learn at Home • Grades Pre-K-6+ (Free)**

Free daily learning activities.

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

## **Pixton • School-age**

Create comics online. <https://www.pixton.com/ca/>



# MUSIC & SING- ALONGS



# ARTS & CRAFTS

## Music & Sing-Alongs

### Chrome Music Lab

A website that makes learning music more accessible through fun, hands-on experiments. <https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/>

### Emily Arrow

is temporarily doing a sing-along on Mondays and Fridays at 1pm EST  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF3fmzbEwONd0Trjhqeauw/featured>

### JBrary

has lots of sing-alongs, rhymes, and storytime songs • *School-age*  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnjsY7TmClktuQLNCXXra6Q>

## Arts & Crafts

### Hello Kids

Colouring pages, kids' drawing tutorials, crafts and other activities <http://www.hellokids.com/>

### The National Gallery of Art Kids Art Zone

Create an interactive still life, design a moving sculpture, decorate a 17th-century dollhouse, or construct a collage <https://www.nga.gov/education/kids.html>

### The Best Ideas for Kids

Features crafts and other activities  
<https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/about-me/>

### All Kids Network

thousands of fun kids activities like kids crafts, worksheets, coloring pages, printable mazes, and more <https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/>

## Recording Archives

### Alan Lomax • Folklorist

<http://research.culturalequity.org/home-audio.jsp>

### University of California Santa Barbara • Cylinder Archive

An extensive collection of the original medium for recording – wax cylinders!

<http://cylinders.library.ucsb.edu>

### British Library • Sounds

An impressive collection not limited to music. Music is sorted into Classical, Popular, and World/Traditional, plus a section on Recording/Sound history.

<https://sounds.bl.uk>

### Virtual Gramophone • Library and Archives Canada

Virtual Gramophone is a multimedia website devoted to the early days of Canadian recorded sound, providing an overview of the 78-rpm era in Canada. The database contains information for 78-rpm and cylinder recordings released in Canada from 1900 to 1950, as well as foreign recordings featuring Canadian artists and/or compositions. Each database record provides information about an original recording, such as its title and performer, relevant dates, and details about the label and disc.

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/films-videos-sound-recordings/virtual-gramophone/Pages/virtual-gramophone.aspx>

## **Recording Archives continued...**

### **National Jukebox • Library of Congress Archives**

The Library of Congress presents the National Jukebox, which makes historical sound recordings available to the public free of charge. The Jukebox includes recordings from the extraordinary collections of the Library of Congress Packard Campus for Audio Visual Conservation and other contributing libraries and archives.

<http://www.loc.gov/jukebox/>

## **Aboriginal Canadian Music Links**

### **National Arts Centre**

<https://nac-cna.ca/en/musicalive/resources>

### **Native Drums**

<http://native-drums.ca/en/resources/teachers/>

## **Make your Own Instruments (YouTube)**

### **Plastic Spoon Maracas**

[https://youtu.be/EzE8aUDm\\_KA](https://youtu.be/EzE8aUDm_KA)

### **DIY Musical Instruments**

<https://youtu.be/pFfBrCyHfWs>

## Make your Own Instruments (YouTube) continued...

### Jingle Bracelets

<https://youtu.be/lfG5M9uxg8s>

### Making a Tom Tom Drum

[https://youtu.be/sOa\\_4ON8lxc](https://youtu.be/sOa_4ON8lxc)

### Four Easy to Make Instruments

<https://youtu.be/BWJALMLzi0Q>

### Easy to Make Instruments from Music Together

[https://youtu.be/FWGFvMu3\\_sc](https://youtu.be/FWGFvMu3_sc)

### Homemade Oboes with Straws

[https://youtu.be/5V\\_hWBRZKuk](https://youtu.be/5V_hWBRZKuk)

### Kazoo with Toilet Paper Tubes

<https://youtu.be/Y3zb3hzKYms>

### Chimes with Keys & Coat Hangers

[https://youtu.be/lBpuWvzxA\\_Q](https://youtu.be/lBpuWvzxA_Q)

### Ryan's World DIY Instruments!

<https://youtu.be/6tYlor3r82M>

### Homemade Bottle Flute

<https://youtu.be/MbE6Zs30qq0>

### Pan Flute out of Straws

<https://youtu.be/sglOT1J80Ss>

# MOVEMENT BREAKS

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## **Go Noodle** • *All ages*

Movement-based activities, including yoga, guided dance, mindfulness, and more. This one is a favourite!

[www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com)

## **Cosmic Kids** • *Ages 2-6*

Guided yoga videos for young children.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

<https://www.cosmickids.com/>

## **Adventure to Learning** • *Grades K-4*

Movement-based educational videos with curriculum content, mindfulness, etc.

<https://www.adventure2learning.com/>

## **American Heart Association NFL Play 60** • *School-age*

These videos focus on movements that increase coordination, stabilization, flexibility, cardiovascular health, and strength.

<https://www.heart.org/en/professional/educator/nfl-play-60>

# SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

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## **National Geographic Kids** • *Kindergarten and up*

Social studies and science games, videos and information.

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

## **Smithsonian for Kids**

Meet zoo animals, take a geography from space quiz, play the freshwater access game and more.

<https://www.si.edu/kids>

## **Ocean School**

Immersive experiences to help you see the ocean in a new way

<https://help.oceanschool.nfb.ca/learn-from-home>

## **Discovery Mindblown**

Exploring the world around us through hands-on experiences, toys and games

<https://www.discoverymindblown.com/>

## **Science Bob** • *School-age*

Science videos, information and experiments.

<https://sciencebob.com/>

## **Science Kids** • *School-age*

Science games videos, information and projects.

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/>

## **Amazing Space**

A space telescope education program

<https://amazing-space.stsci.edu/>

## **Who Was? Adventure**

How well do you know historical figures and pop icons? Play the trivia game to find out.

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/who-was-adventure/id972214208>

## **TED Talks from kids**

Talks from scientists, musicians, innovators, activists — all under the age of 20.

[https://www.ted.com/playlists/129/ted\\_under\\_20](https://www.ted.com/playlists/129/ted_under_20)

## **Time for Kids • K– Grade 6**

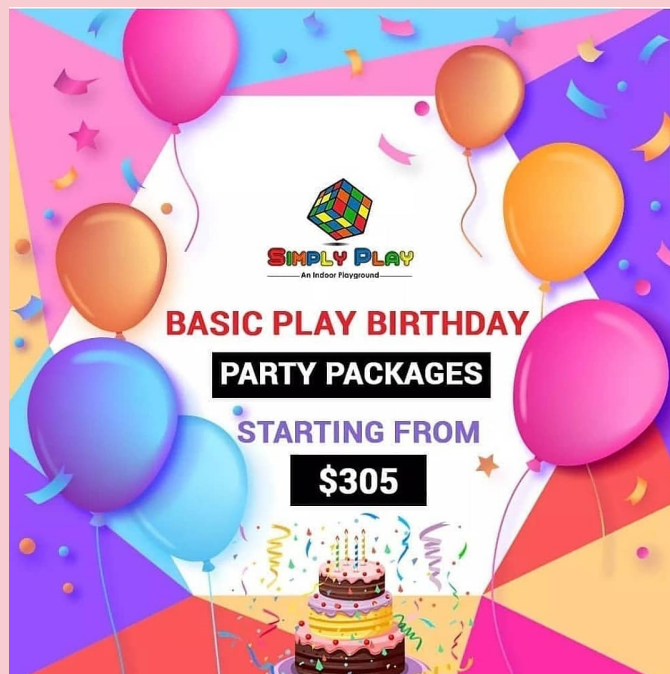
Authentic journalism to motivate curious minds.

<https://www.timeforkids.com/>

## **NASA Kids Club • School-age**

Information, games and stories about space science.

<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html>



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# MULTIPLE SUBJECTS

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### **Khan Kids • Ages 2-7**

E-books, games and educational videos

<https://learn.khanacademy.org/khan-academy-kids/>

### **CBCKids**

Educational games, quizzes, videos & more

<https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/explore>

### **PBS**

Educational videos, games and apps

<https://pbskids.org/>

### **Khan Academy • School-age**

Educational lessons and games.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

### **Arcademics • Grade 1-6**

The excitement of video games with educational content

<https://www.arcademics.com/>

### **Brain Pop • School-age**

Multi-subject educational games and information. <https://www.brainpop.com/>

### **Fun Brain • Pre-K and up**

E-books, games and educational videos.

<https://www.funbrain.com/>

### **ABCYa • Pre-K - Grade 6**

Educational games and activities

<https://www.abcya.com/>

### **Varsity Tutors Learning Tools & Assessments • all ages**

A rich offering of learning tools across a variety of core school subjects, including practice tests, flash cards, and other tools. Note: Built for the USA market, so this may differ from your curricular content and requirements.

<https://www.varsitytutors.com/practice-tests> & <https://www.varsitytutors.com/learning-assessments>

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# MATH + LANGUAGES & CODING

## Math

### **Funbrain** • *Pre-K – grade 8*

Games, books, comics, and videos that develop skills in math, reading, problem-solving and literacy

<https://www.funbrain.com/>

### **Prodigy** • *Grade 1 and up*

Engaging online math game

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>

### **Math Playground**

Hundreds of math games, logic puzzles and brain builders

<https://www.mathplayground.com/>

### **Greg Tang Math** • *School-age*

Free math games

<https://gregtangmath.com/games>

### **Splash Learn** • *K–grade 5*

A complete math learning program

<https://www.splashlearn.com/>

### **Mangahigh** • *Ages 5 and up*

Free math games

<https://www.mangahigh.com/en-us/>

## Languages & Coding

### **World Languages** • *Grades K-3*

Early readers in a variety of languages, including French, Spanish, Mandarin and more.

<https://v2.av2books.com/book-list/?authkey=e9y8kn>

### **Duolingo** • *School-age*

Learn languages online or through the app.

<https://www.duolingo.com/>

### **Up to Ten** • *Toddler-Grade 4*

Songs, games and activities in French.

<http://www.uptoten.com/?cl=fr>

### **Code.org** • *Kindergarten and up*

Fun, easy to use online coding tutorials for children.

<https://code.org/>

### **Scratch** • *8 Years old and up*

Online coding program for children.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

### **ICI Radio Canada** • *School-age*

Games and videos in French

<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/jeunesse/scolaire>

# ONLINE SAFETY



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**Net Smartz Kids** • *School-age*

Videos and games to teach young children about online safety and digital citizenship.

<https://www.netsmartzkids.org/>

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