

Family Time Tips

Wondrous WEDNESDAY



SINK OR FLOAT: This is a fun indoor or outdoor activity using a saucepan, some water and interesting toys or objects. It can also be done in the sink, or even in the bath if it's likely to get very splashy!

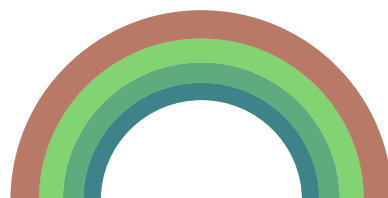
Fill up the container with water. Then ask your little one to guess whether they think the objects will sink or float before they plop them in! If outside, perhaps try a range of natural objects as well as some of your little one's smaller toys.

With older children, you could also sort the sinking and floating objects into two groups and look for anything that's the same or different about them.

Happy guessing! (with thanks to [Little Robin Education](#) for this idea)

GROW A RAINBOW: Today, why not magically grow a rainbow? All you need are some felt tips, some kitchen paper and water! Your little one will be amazed!

Find out how at: bit.ly/EYrainbow. Have a rainbow-tastic time!



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BANANA MESSAGING: Did you know that you can write secret messages on a banana? Here's how...

If you scratch a message or a shape on to a banana, it stays mostly invisible for about an hour. Then your message appears, like magic!

See how it's done at bit.ly/EYbanana.

Don't forget to eat the banana too! Happy secret messaging!



SHADOW TRACING: When the sun shines, why not do some shadow tracing around the shadows of your little one's favourite toys? It's a great way to develop their hand-eye coordination, fine motor control and learn a little science too!

All you need are interesting objects, such as favourite toys, and paper. Make sure the objects are lined up in the sun and casting a shadow onto the paper... and there you have it!

You could even visit the toys at different times over the course of the day, each time drawing around the shadow's outline. Finally, encourage your little one to look at the different shapes and outlines. You might like to colour them in!

Visit bit.ly/EYshadowdrawing for more information. Happy tracing!

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MAGIC MILK: This idea is mesmerising! All you need is a shallow dish or plate, some milk, some food colouring, some washing up liquid and some cotton buds!

See the magic happen at bit.ly/EYmilkexperiment

Happy mixing! (with thanks to [LEARNING4KIDS](https://www.learning4kids.com) for this idea)



Rainy Day Scavenger Hunt!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Puddle | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that sinks in a puddle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muddy Spot | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird drinking from puddle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain dripping from house | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain on a Leaf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella | <input type="checkbox"/> Worm (save him!) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that floats in a puddle |



EXPLORING WET WEATHER: *Rain, rain, go away...* We love this rainy-day scavenger hunt from the [Crazy Outdoor Mama](https://www.crazyoutdoormama.com) website!

Taking time to talk about the weather is also a great way to introduce new vocabulary. Why not encourage your little one to help you check the weather before getting dressed each morning? They can then choose their outfit for the day.

You could even set up your own DIY weather station.

Find out how at bit.ly/EYwetweather

We hope your little one enjoys being a mini meteorologist!

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EXPLORING TOUCH: Your little one is naturally curious about the world around them and often use their senses to explore and learn. This wonderful idea really helps to develop their language skills as well as their sense of touch.

The video shows you just how it's done: <http://bit.ly/EYexploringtouch>

So all you need is a box, a T-shirt and a variety of familiar objects. Can your little one guess what the object is, just by holding it?

Encourage your little one to say how it feels. Is it scratchy, soft, rough, tickly or smooth?

Have a sense-ational time! *(with thanks to DadLab for sharing such a wonderful idea!)*

