

COVID-19 SPECIAL

LOCKDOWN WIZARD



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LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

DON BOSCO NATIONAL FORUM FOR THE YOUNG AT RISK

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

MILLIONS OF CHILDREN FACE SCHOOL CLOSURE AND ISOLATION IN THEIR OWN HOME. THIS TIP IS ABOUT LEARNING THROUGH PLAY SOMETHING THAT CAN BE FUN FOR ALL AGES! THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF PLAY THAT CAN BE BOTH FUN AND EDUCATIONAL. LANGUAGE, NUMBERS, OBJECTS, DRAMA, AND MUSIC GAMES GIVE CHILDREN OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN A SAFE AND FUN WAY.

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MOVEMENT GAMES

DANCE TO YOUR FAVORITE SONGS
EVERYONE COPIES THE LEADER
TAKE TURNS BEING LEADER

DO MAX TOE TOUCHES,
JUMPING JACKS, WINDMILLS
PER MINUTE

COPY EXPRESSIONS, MOVES, SOUNDS
LEADER STARTS, THEN LET OTHERS LEAD
TRY WITH NO LEADERS!

PLAY MUSIC - EVERYONE DANCE
WHEN MUSIC STOPS - FREEZE!
LAST MAN STILL DANCING
IS JUDGE FOR NEXT ROUND

ANIMAL DANCE
SAME BUT WHEN MUSIC STOPS,
CALL OUT NAME OF AN ANIMAL
EVERYONE ACTS LIKE THAT ANIMAL



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TELLING STORIES

TELL A STORY FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD

ASK KIDS TO TELL YOU A STORY

MAKE UP A NEW STORY TOGETHER

START WITH "ONCE UPON A TIME..."
EACH PERSON ADDS A NEW SENTENCE

ACT OUT A FAVORITE STORY/MOVIE

OLDER KIDS CAN DIRECT JUNIORS



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CHANGE THE OBJECT!

USE BROOMS/MOPS/SCARFS AS PROPS

PLACE OBJECT IN CENTRE OF ROOM

WHEN SOMEONE GETS AN IDEA,
THEY JUMP IN & SHOW THE REST
WHAT THE OBJECT CAN BE

EG: BROOM BECOMES HORSE/MIKE
OR EVEN GUITAR!



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MEMORY GAME

1ST PERSON SAYS,
"WHEN LOCKDOWN ENDS,
I AM GOING TO ...
(E.G., GO TO THE PARK)"

2ND PERSON ADDS,
"WHEN LOCKDOWN ENDS,
I AM GOING TO THE PARK AND ...
(E.G., VISIT MY BEST FRIEND)"

EACH PERSON ADDS TO PREVIOUS
TRYING TO THINK OF ALL
THE FUN THINGS TO DO WHEN
COVID-19 LOCKDOWN ENDS



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SINGING

SING SONGS TO YOUR BABY
IT HELPS DEVELOP LANGUAGE

PLAY OR SING A SONG
FIRST TO GUESS IT RIGHT
BECOMES THE NEXT LEADER

MAKE UP A SONG ABOUT
HANDWASH/PHYSICAL DISTANCE
ADD DANCE MOVES!



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FIND OUT MORE

World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/>

UNICEF

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

World Childhood Foundation

<https://www.childhood-usa.org/>

Internet of Good Things

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

Parenting for Lifelong Health

<https://www.covid19parenting.com/>



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KEYWORDS TO SEARCH WITH

Games people play

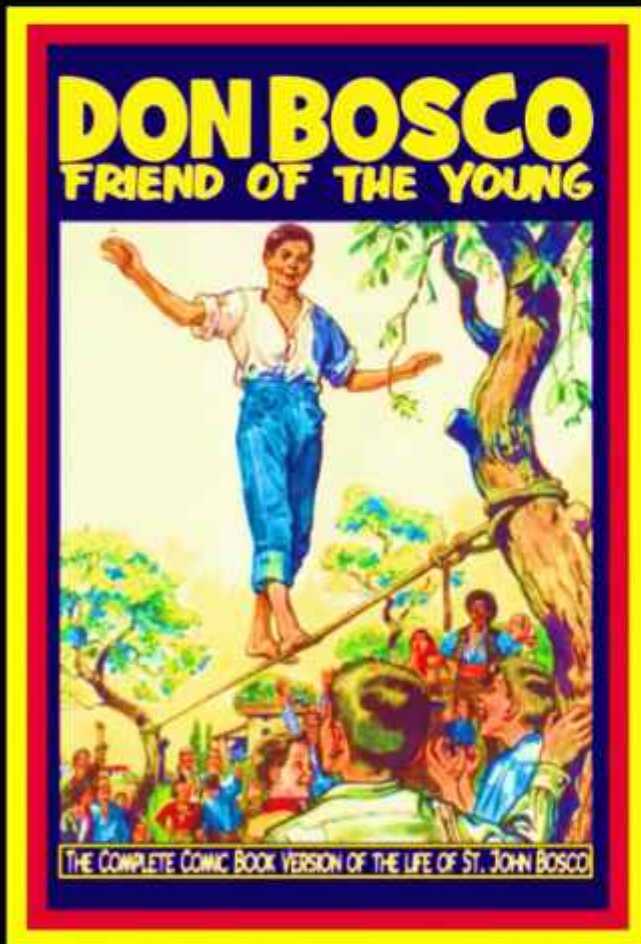
Indoor games

Invent games at home

Game theory for children



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DON BOSCO GREATLY VALUED PLAY TIME
AS A WAY TO INSTRUCT CHILDREN.
HE LEARNT HOW TO WALK TIGHT-ROPES,
DO MAGIC TRICKS & BE AN ACROBAT.
WITH HIS SKILLS HE WOULD ATTRACT
CROWDS OF KIDS, ENTERTAIN THEM
AND TEACH THEM GOOD VALUES.

"ENJOY YOURSELF AS MUCH AS YOU
LIKE - IF ONLY YOU KEEP FROM SIN".

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