

God in Playtime

Family devotion time is a really valuable time to grow closer to God but so is finding God in the things you are already doing. Whether they are playing with cars, doing craft or spending time as a family, you can bring God into that space.

These are ideas to help you see how we can involve God in the play our children are already doing. The aim is not to add work setting up or persuading children to do different things but to spark our minds and theirs about where God is. Be creative and you will find God in many things!

Lego	Junk modelling	Walk	Windows	Video call	Action songs
Read a story from the Bible and then make it out of lego. E.g. The temple, Peter on the water. Or use it to answer a question. E.g. What does heaven look like? How do we show love?	What is it? It might be hard to work out. But God knows exactly who we are (even if we aren't sure). Build Bible characters, scenes	Point out the beautiful things, pick wildflowers to bring home. Thank God for the beautiful things as you see them.	You may have seen the 'rainbows' being put in houses. You could add an Easter picture, positive messages or just wave when you see people.	With other Christian children. Someone tells a VERY short Bible story, action song or message. And social time to largely ignore each other but be together.	Daily exercise: find some Christian children's songs with actions or free dance. Find your favourite songs or discover some new ones to learn.
Baking biscuits	Dolls/Teddies	Paint/Crayons	Hide and seek	Masking tape maze	Running races
Animal biscuits for the creation story. God made such variety. Make the Easter story.	Just play with the dolls as normal. Cleaning, feeding and sometimes dropping them. Ask how God looks after them (make sure you share too)	Draw a picture of you and God. Talk about what it means. Paint a picture to show someone you love them.	God will always find you. Then read the story of the lost sheep. How does it feel that God will never lose you?	Make a maze by putting masking tape on the floor. Have stop spaces to pray for different things or questions to answer.	Have a family race hour and see who wins. How do we run the race for God?
Google Earth/maps	Garden	Family time	Noah's ark	Cars	Bubbles
Find houses of friends and family and pray for them. Find countries and cities that are struggling and pray for them.	Look under rocks for bugs. God can see all of us, even the bits we hide away.	When you are talking, eating together, being together. Talk about how precious it is that God has given you this time. What do we enjoy doing together?	Find a cardboard box. Decorate it as a boat and use animals to tell the story. Can you make it float?	Make a race track, or a city to drive around (helicopters and planes welcome). Talk about there being many less cars and what that might mean for our world.	In the bath or blowing bubbles. God listens to our worries, share worries and pop the bubbles because God has heard.

