

## Games and activities to get the kids outside

1. Sidewalk chalk – challenge your kids to draw something specific (e.g. animals, people, symbols), design a house with each sidewalk square being a different room in the house, or build the longest hopscotch. The possibilities are endless! (or as long as the sidewalk or driveway is)
2. Digging for Dinosaurs – bury toy bones (or any toys really) and let your kids dig them up. As an extra activity, buy flowers to plant in the holes that the kids dig and do that together after the game.
3. Scavenger Hunts and Treasure Hunts – use one the 3 posted on our website or create your own to tailor it to your specific needs!
4. Water play – it's finally getting warm enough to set up all the sprinklers and slip'n slides
5. Bubbles!
6. Hide-and-seek
7. Tag – check out the list of multiple variations of tag posted on our website
8. Obstacle Course – turn your yard into an obstacle course using things you've got laying around the house and garage. Cones, hula hoops, buckets, anything can be an obstacle. For the competitive ones, time the kids to see who can get through it the fastest.
9. Dog training – send your kid outside with a baggie of treats and challenge him or her to teach the family pup some new tricks
10. Bird watching – pick up some binoculars and a guide book at Walmart or off Amazon and see how many species your child can find. Then once you come back to the island, challenge them to find the Painted Bunting, which birdwatchers come from all over to see. You can even take a Painted Bunting tour with the BHI Conservancy! You can download the free app Audubon from the Bird Society. It will log your sightings and help you identify. The information is then used by the Bird Society to help track bird patterns and for conservation.
11. Sports drills
12. Juggling
13. Jump rope
14. Tug-of-war
15. Tree climbing
16. Cloud watching – then to bring them back inside, challenge the kids to draw a cloud with a hidden animal or object in it and see if the rest of the family can guess it!