

# Brainstorming Ideas

Choose one from each section before -----

Do something **creative** like...

*photography, drawing, make a sculpture, rock painting, crafting, singing, write a song, playing an instrument, make a video*

Ideas for **outside** and if it's raining:

*ride your bike, go for a walk, shoot a basketball, sidewalk chalk, make a treasure hunt...*

*If it's raining: make an obstacle course, do some exercises, climb up and down the stairs 5x...*

Ideas for the three areas of **academics**

**Reading:**

*read a chapter in your novel, read and follow a 'how to' book, read a nonfiction book, read a chapter in your Bible, read and follow an experiment  
(online: Epic! Reading (I have a class code for free access for your child) or for older kids there are nonfiction articles and quizzes at Newsela.com or try Freckle.com for reading passages and comprehension questions)*

**Writing:**

*write a few sentences about what you read today, find and write some jokes, make a comic strip, keep a journal, write a story, write and mail a letter, draw and write about what you drew, make an alphabet book or acrostic poem, make search-a-word or crossword puzzle for someone in your family  
(online: write a blog, look up 'writing prompts for kids' - there is a lot out there)*

**Arithmetic / Math:**

*Practice the four operations: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Have an older sibling or parent write down some math questions.  
You can also practice telling time, counting money, and fractions in baking!  
Some ideas: Kids can make a memory game - questions on one card and answer on the match, Kids can make a BINGO game the same way - answers on the BINGO template (make it 3x3 or 5x5) and questions on the cards that are drawn.  
Cut adds out of newspapers and add the amount of money spent, group toys in equal amounts, make patterns, write & illustrate your own story problems  
(online: I like Funbrain and Mrnussbaum math for older students. I also like the simulated money games like the simulated lemonade stand at coolmathgames.com and money metropolis at practicalmoneyskills.ca - it's Canadian)*

Ideas for acts of **service:**

*do something for someone else like a chore for mom or dad, an activity with a brother or sister, bake something for the family or a neighbour, Facetime a grandparent, write an encouraging card, note or letter...*

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