

10 ways to play in August

1 **Make fancy place cards and a centerpiece for the dinner table.** The centerpiece could be flowers, candles, pinecones, pretty rocks, or even toys!

2 **Make puppets and have a puppet show.** Try paper bag puppets, stick puppets, sock puppets, or shadow puppets.

3 **Have an oatmeal & toppings bar.**

4 **Sort a pile of coins.**

Count how many coins are in each group. Talk about how much each coin is worth and practice counting by 5's and 10's.

5 **Make a map of your bedroom, house, yard, or other favorite place.**

6 **Make something with a box.**

7 **Play "Guess that Sound!"**

One person closes her eyes while the other person makes a sound with an item from around the house. A few ideas to get you started: ice in a glass, scissors, ripping paper, or dropping coins.

8 **Do some beading or stringing.**

You might enjoy stringing beads onto pipe cleaners or making a cereal and yarn necklace.

9 **Play Red Light, Green Light.**

10 **Do a chore together and make it fun!** Sing along to some music, tell jokes, set a timer, or race each other.

happy playing!