

Life-Schooling Ideas for Sudden Homeschoolers

1. Start seeds for the garden.
2. Learn about a new culture and cook a traditional meal.
3. Read a picture book and learn about the places and time period it takes place in.
4. Make cookies or scones and have a tea party.
5. Go for a hike.
6. Set up the trampoline and jump!
7. Make a map of your house or property, hide "treasure" where you've marked an X and see if the kids can find it.
8. Play hide and seek in the dark.
9. Play a board game like Sequence or Sum Swamp.
10. Play a card game like Phase 10 or Sushi Go!
11. Build a bird or bat house.
12. Plant a garden.
13. Play Pick-up-20 in a messy room and see who can put away their items the quickest.
14. Paint with watercolours.
15. Use chalk pastels to draw a sunrise.
16. Make a Dutch Baby for breakfast.
17. Go for a walk and pick wildflowers for the table.
18. Have a candlelight dinner.
19. Call or FaceTime with Grandparents and have them tell stories of when they were kids.
20. Have family sleepovers in a tent in the yard.
21. Find some puddles to jump in.
22. Bake bread.
23. Make stone soup.
24. Shake cream into butter.
25. Read aloud a great book.
26. Teach the kids how to clean and maintain their own bathroom.
27. Make paper airplanes and learn about flight.
28. Create a mud kitchen.
29. Play volleyball with a balloon and the couch.
30. Find a local pond and look for tadpoles and duck nests.
31. Do random acts of kindness for each other.
32. Create a nature scavenger hunt with things found in your own yard or along local trails.
33. Paint the kids' bedrooms with their help.

34. Decorate baskets or boxes to make cars and have a drive in movie in your family room.
35. Have an egg drop competition - who can build something that protects an egg when dropped from 9+ feet up.
36. Do a Cosmic Kids yoga workout together.
37. Have a dance party with music or Just Dance.
38. Create a secret handshake.
39. Write letters/draw pictures for grandparents or neighbours.
40. Start a family band or choir and film and post to share the fun.
41. Make a book about this time and what you did together.
42. Start a gratitude journal as a family to see the gifts we have all around us.
43. Create a Rube Goldberg machine to perform a simple daily task.
44. Write and make your own movie (look up stop motion or do live action!).
45. Play LEGO spelling or reading - every time they read or spell a word they can add a block to their creation.
46. Turn the living room into a giant fort.
47. Go for a drive and listen to audiobooks while you stop and wave at friends and family.
48. Check out one of the museums, zoos or Aquariums with a live feed.
49. Learn to draw with Mo Willems or Art for Kids Hub on YouTube.
50. Learn how to maintain or fix bikes and start biking around the neighbourhood or on trails in the area.
51. Teach them the games you played as a kid, like red rover or spud.
52. Create a marble run out of household objects like toilet paper rolls and funnels.
53. And most importantly, make time to cuddle and talk about your kids' fears and worries, and let them know that you are stronger as a family and will get through these tough times together. ❤️