

101 THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR LITTLE

1. Bowl for Kids' Sake!
2. Start a hobby (e.g. astronomy, sewing, music, singing, drama, dance, stained glass, painting, poetry, woodworking).
3. Start a collection of something that interests both of you (e.g. stamps, rocks, coins, comics, bugs, dolls, figures, sports cards).
4. Walk, train, and play with your dog.
5. Pop popcorn (the old-fashioned way—not in the microwave), and watch a movie.
6. Build a model car, plane, or rocket.
7. Form your own book club (with other matches), or read together.
8. Go to a circus or carnival.
9. Go bowling.
10. Draw, paint, work with clay, make papier-mâché animals.
11. Play charades, checkers, chess, backgammon, or another board or card game. (You can even create your own!)
12. Take a bike ride together.
13. Research your family trees together. The library and Internet are great resources!
14. Attend your Little's school play or sporting event to cheer him/her on!
15. Check out the activities at Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden.
16. Fly a kite in the park. You can also make your own kites!
17. Visit an area fire station or police station.
18. Attend a Big Brothers Big Sisters Match Activity.
19. Feed birds, or feed the ducks at a park.
20. Go roller-skating, Rollerblading, or ice-skating.
21. Watch the same TV show each week; then call to talk about it.
22. Do a science project together using household products. (e.g. Find out what happens to an egg soaked in vinegar.)
23. Jump around at SkyZone. Make sure to use your match cards to get a discount!
24. Bounce on a trampoline.
25. Go to local art fairs, festivals, and events. (Check the events in the Evansville Courier & Press.)
26. Watch a parade.
27. Go horseback riding.
28. See one of our local sports teams (e.g. Evansville Otters Baseball, Evansville IceMen Hockey, & UE and USI college sports).
29. Learn about local history and archaeology.
30. Bring a memento bag on a walk to collect interesting objects along the way.
31. Find a recipe together, and prepare a meal from scratch.

32. Walk or ride along the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage.
33. Help your Little with homework or a school project.
34. Write a letter to your Little on your match anniversary telling what you've noticed about him/her in the last year (e.g. positive changes, growth, maturity).
35. Watch a fireworks show.
36. Take your Little to your place of employment.
37. After you have been matched for twelve months, go on a camping trip, even if it is in your backyard or inside. (Remember how much fun it was to throw a sheet over the dining room table?)
38. Make your own cards for holidays, birthdays, and other special occasions for friends and relatives.
39. Paint pottery at Fired Up!
40. Build a bird house or feeder.
41. Visit a park.
42. Write and send letters in the mail to each other, or get pen pals.
43. Share family or vacation pictures with each other.
44. Create a match scrapbook or photo album to record all your fun times together.
45. Start a garden—indoors or out.
46. Go to Disney on Ice or other events at the Evansville Ford Center.
47. Carve a pumpkin together, and roast the seeds.
48. Make a log cabin, picture frame, or anything you can think of out of Popsicle sticks.
49. Try new restaurants together.
50. Go to the movies, or rent one for home.
51. Teach him/her how to change the oil in your car, or any other handy skills you may have.
52. Complete a jigsaw puzzle.
53. Play classic arcade games at High Score Player Two: Classic Arcade! Make sure you use your match cards to get in for free.
54. Make up new lyrics to a song—maybe even about your match.
55. Go to an auto show, boat show, or truck pull.
56. Make your own T-shirts with fabric markers and colored glue.
57. Enjoy cloud watching on a nice day.
58. Go swimming or play with the water hose or sprinkler in the backyard.
59. Do a corn maze or visit a pumpkin patch at Goebel Farms or Mayes Farm Market.
60. Keep a journal of all your outings together and what you liked/disliked about each.
61. Make friendship bracelets, or do other crafts together.
62. Play Frisbee, catch, basketball, volleyball, touch football, croquet, badminton, or any game you both like.
63. Make paper airplanes and gliders.
64. Go Christmas caroling.

65. Go apple picking, and try different apple recipes with your apples.
66. Visit the Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science or the Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville.
67. Tour the USS LST Ship Memorial on the riverfront.
68. Play games on the Internet or peruse your favorite age-appropriate sites together.
69. Play golf, miniature gold, or just hit golf balls at a driving range.
70. Make wrapping paper from old magazines and newspapers.
71. Show your Little how to maintain a bike—replace chain, repair brakes, etc.
72. Make an obstacle course in your yard or local park, and time each other.
73. Go play games in Game Alley in Downtown Evansville!
74. Play video games, pinball, or air hockey.
75. Use sidewalk chalk to draw pictures on the sidewalk.
76. Drive go-karts.
77. Go to a gem and mineral show.
78. Look through coupon books for 2-for-1 deals for your favorite activities.
79. Go to Willard Library and attend a ghost tour in October.
80. Eat lunch with your Little at school.
81. Call your Match Support Specialist together to give an update about the activities you have tried.
82. Explore Angel Mounds together.
83. Go to Holiday World in Santa Claus, IN.
84. Go to Lincoln State Park in Lincoln City, IN.
85. Go on sound scavenger hunt.
86. Bake a cake, cookies, or brownies, or make candy.
87. Visit your church or your Little's church (if comfortable).
88. Have a picnic.
89. Make a collage on friendship or your Little's life using pictures and headlines from old magazines and newspapers.
90. Visit the Humane Society.
91. Have your Little teach you something.
92. Attend a kid-friendly class at Home Depot or Michaels.
93. Plan a money-earning project, and save money for a special event.
94. Blow bubbles.
95. Listen to music together.
96. If your Little is a teenager, practice completing job and college applications.
97. Show your Little your high school yearbook, baby pictures, old report cards, etc.
98. Go on a camera scavenger hunt. Make a list of the things you want pictures of before you go, and let your Little take the pictures. It might be fun to incorporate the downtown Evansville murals!
99. Spend some time with your Match Support Specialist!

100. Volunteer with your Little! (See attached list for ideas).

101. Talk about this list! Make any desired changes to the list. Then, set a goal to complete everything on your list.

Places to volunteer with your Little: *Make sure to check the age requirements for volunteering*

- Habitat for Humanity
- Meals on Wheels
- Vanderburgh Humane Society
- United Caring Services
- Ronald McDonald House

Activities for Littles of Different Ages

5–7 years old	8–10 years old	11–13 years old	14–16 years old
Bake and frost cookies.	Start a scrapbook with pictures of favorite things.	Watch a TV program, and identify negative stereotypes.	Volunteer at a community center or soup kitchen.
Fly a kite on a windy day.	Go on a camera scavenger hunt to find odd objects to photograph.	Look up your state on the Internet. Major industry? Biggest cities? Geography?	Research what happened on the day and year each of you was born.
Go on a walk, and collect interesting rocks, leaves, or other items.	Make greeting, get well, or holiday cards to give to special people.	Build and paint a bird house. Watch for occupants.	Look at job postings, and discuss what education and experience each job requires.
Feed the ducks at the park.	Make a bug cage, and catch lightning bugs.	Rent Rollerblades, and learn to skate.	Visit a fish market, meat market, or other place where food is not prepackaged.
Make a present for someone special.	Visit the zoo at feeding time.	Make a list of people you admire. Research them online.	Research an ethnic food. Go out to eat that kind of food.
Play UNO, Crazy Eights, or Old Maid.	Read a book out loud, and record it.	Take a long ride on public transportation to the end of the line.	Explore a new radio station or Web site. Discuss ads and target audience.
Play badminton or croquet.	Play miniature golf, or go bowling.	Visit the Humane Society, and offer to walk the dogs.	Plan a meal, shop for ingredients, and cook together.
Go for a walk. Find interesting places to practice “balancing.”	Play Monopoly, Life, Sorry, or Hangman.	Mow the lawn, or wash the car together.	Go to a concert featuring a favorite performer.
Have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich picnic.	Go on a field trip to the museum. Focus on one exhibit and discuss it.	Play computer and video games together.	Try mastering something difficult: juggling, cooking a soufflé, water color painting.
Visit a pet store, and decide which pet is the most unusual.	Call ahead, and visit the local fire station or police station.	Plan and plant a garden, or visit a community garden, and offer to help.	Watch a college or semi-professional sporting event.