



30 Ways to Keep Kids Entertained When the Power Goes Out

- Shadow puppets
- Books
- Hide and Seek
- Telling Stories – kids are especially engaged with chain stories
- Reading Aloud
- Card Games
- Battleship!
- Board Games
- Flashlight Hide and Seek
- Flashlight Tag
- Guess the Shadow
- We play “How many pulls until the generator starts”
- Toys that do not need batteries, like dollhouses and kitchens, dinky cars, and floor
 - Make your house an obstacle course. A way to run around, roll over beds, etc. to get some energy out.
 - Card Games
 - Coloring
 - Send them outside, weather permitting
 - Imagination games like playing house, cops and robbers, don’t step in the lava, camping in the wilderness
 - Put on a play
 - Play dress-up
 - Collect song books and have a singalong in front of the fire.
 - Play music together (piano, makeshift drums, harmonica, spoons, castanets, etc.)
 - Make puppets and put on a puppet show
 - Make “campfire food” in the fire place – for example, roast marshmallows and make s’mores
 - Get out these old photos and finally assemble them in scrap books
 - Play word games like Hangman
 - Playing old games like jacks, pick-up sticks, ad tumbling towers
 - Play with building toys like blocks, Lincoln Logs, or Legos
 - Arts and Crafts
 - Make a pillow fort or put up a tent in the family room