

Big Games

Ages 2-7



Go fish! Score! It's your turn!

At the museum, Our Big Games exhibit is filled with oversized checkers, chess, Connect Four, Light Brite and more! While the museum is closed, here's how you can bring the cooperative fun and challenge of playing games into your home...

Create

Make A Matching Card Game

Materials: 2 pieces of paper (copy or construction paper), scissors, markers (or crayons)

Take your paper and fold it in half, then in half again, and repeat two more times (total 4 x). When you re-open the paper you should see 16 little squares. Use your scissors to cut out the squares. Repeat with the second piece of paper so you have a total of 32 square cards.

Next, draw the same simple fish on 26 cards. Then draw a pretty fish on two cards. Draw a shark on four cards.

Mix up the cards and place them all face down on the table or floor so you should have 8 cards in a row and 8 cards in a column.

The goal of the game is to take turns picking up two cards to match the pretty fish. If you play with more than two people, you can add a rule that if you pick up a shark you have to skip your next turn!

Explore More

Make a Ball Wall with SICM at Home!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb8as6qruUw8Fdirqx1-V6g>

The Surprising Benefits Your Kids Get From Playing Board Games

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/kids-activities-and-printables/activities-for-kids/arts-and-craft-ideas/benefits-board-games.html>

Do

Use Socks For a Beanbag Toss!

Materials: 5 paper plates, marker, socks rolled into balls

Write 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 on each plate. Spread the plates out in a line and have kids toss the socks to get points.

Talk about Being a Good Sport

We all love playing games and can get competitive when it comes to winning. Here are some tips on being a good sport:

Show respect for yourself and the other players by following the rules and being fair.

Everyone should get a chance to feel included and to play. Give everyone a chance.

If you lose, it's okay! Try to learn from your mistakes and be your best!

If you win, be polite and don't rub it in.

If someone else makes a mistake, support them with words of encouragement.

End a game by saying "good game" and offer a handshake.

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