



## 6 Frugal Ways to Entertain Kids on Winter Break

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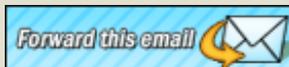
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Winter break from school can get long for both parents and children. When playing outside isn't an option, you can still have fun without spending a bundle.



**Below are 6 ways to frugally enjoy winter break with your kids:**

#### **1) Get creative**

You don't need special materials to engage your kids in arts and craft projects. Apps exist that can help you quickly find age-appropriate craft projects that only require materials you have on hand. Or search Google and Pinterest for ideas.

#### **2) Get in the kitchen**

Whip up some cookies or a cake with your kids. Teaching your children how to bake can be a great way to impart important life skills such as patience, math and mess cleanup.

#### **3) Hit the books**

Many local libraries offer free story times, even during the holiday weeks. If your local branch doesn't have anything scheduled, check with nearby bookstores to

see if they are offering any free readings and events for kids.

#### 4) Family game night

Everyone loves a little competition, so bring out those age-appropriate board games and get the whole family involved in a game or two. Playing a board game can be an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon or evening while engaging in a little family bonding.

#### 5) Movie night

Skip buying expensive movie theater tickets. Instead, watch a movie or two with your kids in the comfort of your own home, complete with homemade popcorn, leftover holiday candy or any desserts you and your family baked earlier in the week. Take turns picking the film and leading post-viewing discussions.

#### 6) Volunteer

Teach your children the importance of giving back by spending an afternoon at a local soup kitchen or nursing home. Check with local churches or shelters to find volunteer opportunities or do a Google search.

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