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## Family fun without the price tag

Planning a fun day out with family and friends doesn't have to cost lots of money. Try these easy swaps to keep enjoying quality time together, without compromising on fun!

### Old you:

Heads to the shops to buy a new toy – you're bored of your old ones!



### New you:



### New you:

Why not ask your parents if you can host a kids' toy swap with family and friends? Each guest can bring a toy that they're happy to swap for an agreed amount of time – or until the next toy swap. This could also work well with video games and books. Remember to make a list of who has borrowed what!

### Old you:

Stays at home all day to save money, so everyone in your family ends up doing their own thing.



### New you:



### New you:

Pack pens, crayons and notepads and hit your favourite park, woods or seaside as a family for a local nature adventure! You can make notes and take rubbings of things like tree bark, shells and leaves, then when you get home paste them in a scrap book to show the changing seasons. Plus, getting outside is great for your health!

### Old you:

Uses lots of pricey plastic arts and crafts materials like pipe cleaners, glitter and sequins.



### New you:\*



### New you:

Get creative with your recycling! Ask your parents to help you select clean jam jars, tinfoil and egg boxes to use for crafty afternoons. It's a fun way to challenge your imagination and helps us all to think hard about the things we throw away and the impact that can have on the environment.

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More fun ideas to try



## Why not... Go “camping”?

Pitch a tent or build your very own dream den in your bedroom or lounge and fill it with cosy blankets and pillows for the ultimate hideout. At night, bring a torch in to tell stories and eat marshmallows together.

## Why not... Prepare a meal together?

Agree a budget for a family dinner and choose a recipe together that you'll all enjoy. Check the price of the ingredients online to make sure they're within budget, and once you have the ingredients, get everyone involved with tasks like weighing out ingredients and laying the table. Sharing a meal you've made as a team will taste even better.



## Why not... Start a book club?

Getting a kids' book club up and running is a great way to get excited about reading and explore the stories that inspire you with friends. **The Book Trust** [[booktrust.org.uk](http://booktrust.org.uk)] has lots of ideas for reading lists, and don't forget your local library – many often host free events and story times for kids!

## Why not... Explore free museums and galleries?

Heading out with your family to soak up some culture doesn't have to cost a fortune. Sit down together and use [this map](http://moneysavingexpert.com/deals/free-museums-and-art-galleries) [moneysavingexpert.com/deals/free-museums-and-art-galleries] from Money Saving Expert to browse the free museums and galleries dotted around the country and create a thrifty game plan for your next day out.



## Why not... Make a cinema at home?

Cinema trips can be pricey once you add up the cost of tickets, travel and snacks. Instead, re-create the experience at home. Draw your curtains to make it cosy, and ask for your parents' help to make snacks – popcorn kernels are much less expensive than the pre-popped kind and are available in most supermarkets. Choose a film to stream or rent – although not free, it's much more affordable.

## Parents! Why not... Tell a teacher?

Why not get your school to sign up to the MoneySense programme online? There's a wealth of resources for teachers to use in the classroom, including workshops, activity sheets, quizzes and videos. All resources are free, impartial and linked to the National Curriculum. The programme has received the Financial Education Quality Mark and is accredited by Young Money.