



DIY toys

Most kids living in poverty don't have many toys, but that doesn't stop them from playing. They make toys out of what they find.

The goal of this family activity is to be grateful for what you have.

What you'll need:

- 10 items picked by your kids from around your house or outside (that aren't toys)
- Tape
- Scissors
- Markers



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Play the game with your family

Gather 10 items you can recycle from around your house or outside that aren't toys, i.e. plastic bags, empty paper towel rolls, empty milk cartons, cardboard boxes.

Once you've gathered your supplies, ask your kids: How many toys do you have? Do you think you have enough toys? How many toys did you ask for last Christmas or on your birthday?

Then brainstorm together: How many toys can you make out of them? What kinds of new games can you make with them?



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Play it forward: What did you learn?

Creating your own toys means you activated your creativity. Building them took cooperation. What special talents do you see in your family?

Take turns telling everyone in your family what talents you appreciate about them. Then take a minute to think of five things you are grateful for and share them with your family.

Pay it forward by helping your kids clean out their toys and donate the ones they don't use anymore to charity.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” —1 Thessalonians 5:16-18