

## Fun Games to Play at Home with Kids

Kids love games, so here are a few that are simple to play and require minimal equipment.

### Waste Paper Basketball

- **What's needed:** 10 pieces of paper, tape, waste paper basket
- **How many players:** 2 – 5
- **How to play:** Place the waste paper basket in an elevated position. Crumple up each piece of paper into a ball. Wrap a few strips of tape around each ball to maintain its shape and make it more aerodynamic. Each player gets five balls. Stand approximately 15-20 feet away from the basket and alternate shots. Most balls in the basket wins.
- **Key to the game:** Move the basket or your positioning with each round to vary the difficulty of shots.



### Soccer Golf

- **What's needed:** a soccer ball for each player, a yard
- **How many players:** 2 – 5
- **How to play:** The objective is to hit a designated target with the ball in the fewest number of kicks. The target can be a cone, a post, another ball – any object that's on the ground. Each player starts with a ball at a designated starting point (tee box). Players alternate shots, kicking the ball around the house or other obstacles with the goal of hitting the target in the fewest number of kicks. The ball must come to a complete stop before taking the next shot. Strategy and accuracy are important to success. Once all players have successfully hit the target, move to a new tee box or move the target. Keep track of scores for each target and the lowest total wins.
- **Keys to the game:** Obstacles in the yard make the game more fun and challenging. Try to have hills, trees, or other structures in the way of the target.

### Dime Ball

- **What's needed:** one dime and one tennis ball
- **How many players:** 2 per game
- **How to play:** This game is very simple, but it can be addictive. The two competitors stand approximately eight feet apart. Place a dime on the ground in the middle of the two opponents. Find flat pavement outdoors or use any non-carpeted flooring indoors. One player holds a tennis ball and throws the ball downward attempting to hit the dime. If the ball hits the dime, the player is awarded a point. The opponent takes the next shot, and so on. First player to 8 points wins. This is a great game for kids to play against adults because anyone can win while trying their best. If there are a group of players, set up brackets and play a tournament.
- **Keys to the game:** Patience and honesty. Even though this game appears to be simple, it's not as easy as it looks! It may take several turns to hit your first dime.