

DIGITAL ZOOM GAMES!

Below is a list of easy, no prep games you can play with your kids over Zoom!

DESERTED ISLAND

Send them to find 2-3 things they would bring with them to a deserted island from their house. Have them explain what they chose and why.

SIMON SAYS

Make sure to tilt your camera well enough so that kids can see your whole body, and direct them to do the same--you'll need some space for this game! Direct the kids to follow your motions, but only if you say the words "Simon Says." If they do the movement without you having said "Simon Says," they are out. The last one standing is the winner! Allow the winner to become Simon, and play again.

I-SPY IN YOUR BACKGROUND

Have someone start by looking at everyone's backgrounds. Then say "I-spy" and name the object they see in the background. Play as long as you like, with as much silliness as you like, having them change where they are sitting occasionally for new backgrounds!

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TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

Give the kids two minutes to think of three statements about themselves--two that are true, and one that is made up. Take turns having each person share their three statements, and guess which one is true or not. For added fun, tell them to keep track of how many times they guess correctly to see who knows their friends in the group the best! It helps if you can give an example to help them think through it.

SIX WORD MEMOIRS

Have the kids get a piece of paper and something to write with. Have them think about if they could tell their life story in six words, what would it be? An example could be "The best experiences can happen randomly" or "I met Jesus with my family". This is a great icebreaker to use if you will be diving in to talking about people's unique talents and abilities and how God may use them during this time.

SHOW & TELL

Ask them to take time to find the strangest thing in their house. Have them bring it to the chat, and explain what it is to the group, and why they think it's so strange. This can be done with also their favorite thing, or coolest thing!

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MOST UNIQUE

Tell the kids to think of a random fact about themselves that they think no one else has in common with them. They will each share their facts one at a time until one of them is unique only to them. It could be a vacation you've been on, an award you've won, or a hobby no one's heard of before. For instance, I may share "I played catcher in softball," but that could be true for someone. Then I share "I've been to Jamaica," and I'm the only one who's done it! Keep going until you have one unique fact for each person in your Zoom call!

WOULD YOU RATHER?

This is a classic game that kids get a kick out of! You will name two things (usually ridiculous, gross, or cool) and they have to pick which one they would rather. For instance, you may ask "Would you rather be able to fly or be invisible?" Or, "Would you rather have one eye and two noses, or three eyes and no nose?" This is always a guarantee for giggles. This website has tons of material to choose from:

<https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/would-you-rather-questions-for-kids/>

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EMOJI HUNT

This game is best suited for older kids--and it's a little tricky! Instruct them to open up their emoji keyboard in Zoom (for those on the iPad or phone, they should be able to tap on their keyboard to it. On the computer, it's up under the "Edit" option, then "Emoji's and Keyboards." Type in three random emojis, and the first to find them all and send them to the chat wins!

I recommend using VERY simple emojis. You could also just have them search for random symbols on the keyboard (such as # | { ~). Either way is fun!

VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Have them go throughout their house looking for random items. You can either play all at once, or one item at a time. Either way, the first one to bring it back to the computer/laptop/phone wins.

Ideas: Lego, stuffed animal, onion, TP, something orange, puzzle piece, penny, shoe string, something pokemon, trophy, dryer lint, something from church, battery, hair from tub, etc.