

Taking care of young children during the pandemic!

Meera Says!



- Remember, I feel most loved, comfortable, safe and secure at home with my parents, even if they are infected with COVID-19 infection.
- Put me under the care of one adult to take care of my essential needs until the situation resolves.
- Relocating me to my grand parents house may not be a good idea as I may spread the infection to them as well.
- If required, give me medicines only after consulting with my doctor.
- Guide me as a precautionary measure, remind me to change my mask or wash my hands and how to maintain social distance.
- Ensure that you don't pass your anxiety to me, I am already overwhelmed with changes in my world.

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Fun stay-at-home activities to beat the lockdown

Hina shares...



- I like to play Pictionary with my ammi, abba, bhaijaan, didi and grandparents which is a fun drawing game.
- We use materials like the white board/paper, pencils/markers and a box/envelope.
- Ammi or abba prepare for the game by writing names of things we see around us on chits of paper.
- For example, it can be three or four letter words like bed, mat, cat, rat, peg, pin, bin, pot, fat, fan, sun, tree, flower, biscuit, TV etc.
- These chits are folded and placed in a box or an envelope.
- We can keep healthy eats to munch on while enjoying this fun activity.
- To play the game, I pick a chit from the box and then draw the word on white board or a paper.
- The other players must try to identify the word that I have drawn.
- Whoever identifies the word correctly scores a point.
- We continue the game by taking turns.



Calm down activities to beat the lockdown

Manjeet suggests!



- A self-soothe box can be put together using items which connect to all my senses. This helps me to calm down.
- Mummyji and papaji put together a collection of things in a box that I can touch, smell, taste, hear and see.
- For example scented candles or agarbattis, photographs of fun moments with friends and family or my favourite book, soft cloth or soft toy, bell or wind chime, chocolates or anything that I like to taste.
- Every time I am in distress or get upset, mummyji or papaji let me hold this box and choose any two objects.
- I am allowed to bring out two objects and engage with them.
- If I choose the agarbatti, I smell it nicely and slowly. Mummyji tells me to engage in the smell for some time and enjoy the fragrance.
- If I choose to see the photographs, papaji and me look at it together and share our memories of the event in the photograph.
- Doing this activity makes me feel calmer and happier.
- Mummyji and papaji keep changing the objects in the box every week so that it is fun for me to choose the objects inside the box.