



# 10 Math Activities

## TO TRY AT HOME

**Math for young children can be fun, hands-on, and part of everyday life. Here are ten simple, playful activities you can do together at home to build early math skills like counting, sorting, comparing, and understanding patterns.**

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**Snack Sorting;** At snack time, use small foods like cereal or crackers to sort by shape, size, or color. Then count how many are in each group. You can even make simple patterns —like square, circle, square, circle.

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**Number Hop:** Write numbers on pieces of paper or use sidewalk chalk. Call out a number and have your child hop to it. You can also add simple problems like, “Hop to the answer to  $1 + 2$ !”

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**Bathtime Volume Play:** Bring measuring cups and containers into the tub. Practice pouring and filling. Use words like “more,” “less,” “full,” and “empty” while you play together.

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**Shape Hunt:** Go on a shape hunt around your home. Find circles in clocks or plates, squares in pillows, or rectangles in books. Point out and name the shapes together.

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**Set the Table:** Involve your child in setting the table. Ask them to count out the forks, spoons, and plates. Compare quantities: “Do we have enough spoons for everyone?”

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**Tall Tower Challenge:** Use blocks or plastic cups to build a tower. Count together as you stack. Ask things like, “How many more blocks do we need to make it 10 tall?”

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**Nature Numbers:** Collect leaves, rocks, or sticks outside. Sort them into groups by size or color. Count how many of each you find, or line them up to make a pattern.

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**Calendar Countdown:** Use a family calendar to count down to something exciting—like a birthday or holiday. Each day, mark the date and talk about “yesterday,” “today,” and “tomorrow.”

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**Count and Match:** Turn everyday routines into math moments! While folding laundry, ask your child to find matching socks and count the pairs. During cleanup, count toys as they’re put away. Ask questions like, “How many toys did we clean up?”

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**Measure Me:** Use yarn, blocks, or measuring tape to measure objects or people around the house. Ask your child: “How many blocks tall are you?” or “Which stuffed animal is the longest?”