

GREAT GIFTS FOR KIDS

This is the time of year when most of us are thinking of gifts for our children and grandchildren. The airwaves are filled with commercials of plastic and otherwise useless “stuff” everyone is willing to sell us. We have compiled a list of useful, fun, productive, developmentally appropriate “toys” that not only will stand the test of time, but bring meaningful experiences too. All items in lower age categories may also be appropriate for older children. Have fun.



<p style="text-align: center;">0 - 2</p> <p>time with you child-sized flatware baking utensils chef's hat & apron crumber quality animal models bird, butterfly, cloud... mobiles small set of dishes big empty box music box small table & chair rattles or pull toys books with realistic pix... and rich vocabulary wooden shape sorter single shape puzzles wooden stacking boxes small photo album with... pix of family and friends wagon with sides pull and push toys teethers board books</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 - 3</p> <p>time with you child-sized flatware baking utensils chef's hat & apron crumber “Snail Race” game “Picture Bingo” game Picture Lotto games quality animal models rhythm instruments small plant goldfish velocipede bead stringing small ceramic mug shovel small wooden dollhouse wooden blocks child-sized furniture small easel hairbursh and comb beautiful box to keep... school work in feather duster sand box and toys</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 - 4</p> <p>time with you child-sized flatware baking utensils chef's hat & apron crumber real woodworking tools “Picture Bingo” game plant mister garden tools CD player and CDs globe small pet, gerbil butterfly garden seeds, watering can,... gardening gloves art supplies tricycle feather duster playground equipment card games... Old Maid, Go Fish slumber bag bird feeder bird house bedside reading lamp View-Master</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 - 6</p> <p>time with you child-sized flatware real woodworking tools workbench “Pass the Pigs” game “Take a Hike” game calendar paper dolls garden tools bird book CD player and CDs globe music lessons books w/1 sentence/page bicycle alarm clock scooter board games castles and knights playground equipment Magazine subscriptions.. Highlights, Ranger Rick Start a collection... coins, snowglobes, rocks deposit for first bank acct sleeping bag and tent puzzles wallet or purse</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6 - 9</p> <p>time with you real woodworking tools workbench garden tools binoculars bird book biographies flag book “The Book of Virtues” Dictionary an instrument CD player and CDs more complex books sports equipment... football, rollerblades camera album board games chess set kite journal or diary stationery and stamps toiletry kit for overnights Atlas</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9 - 12</p> <p>time with you camera binoculars biographies Book of Greek Myths camera The Redwall Books 10 speed bike CD player and CDs access to home computer board games chess set geographical dictionary arts and crafts cardmaking material journal or diary</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CMS 2011</p>
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