

Ideas for How to Take a Break without Technology While Keeping Social Distance

Fun at Home

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Playing with Other Kids in the Neighborhood

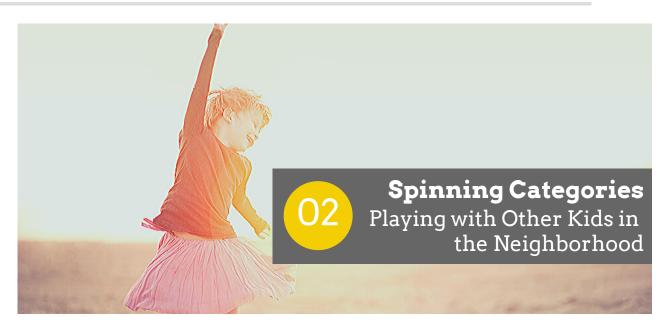
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Connecting with God - Without a Screen

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The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. It is traditionally made of pure beeswax, which represents the sinless Christ, and has very particular markings. For this activity, since few of us have pure beeswax candles at home (and we can't bring it to the Easter Vigil for the procession), we will be a little "flexible" with our version. See these links (Site 1 & Site 2) for two ways to DIY, and this link for a little more on the symbolism of each element of the paschal candle.



This is one of many variations on a pretty classic game of choosing a category, such as colors, and alternately naming things in that category (blue, red, forest green...) until someone is stumped. In this version, however, on their turn players must spin around once and then give their next answer when they finish their spin. If they hesitate longer than that, the other player wins! It's a game you can play with any category and as many times as you want (or can stay standing for).



For some reason, we in 21st century western culture seem to have an aversion to silence. Whether we're the type that always has music on, or we just can't seem to sit still - we will often do just about anything else before allowing ourselves to sit in silence and just "be" - being as we are, being with God. The trouble is, those times of silence are an incredible gift that we so often leave unwrapped! One of my mentors in college taught me that, "Silence is God's loudspeaker."

Although many of us are not exactly "bored" in these days of staying at home, for many the mere lack of a commute to work leaves some measure of flexibility in the day. **On this INCREDIBLY HOLY day, take some time apart for silence.** For those with young kids, that may mean alternating times with your spouse or an older child. However you do it, find time today to sit in the silence of the tomb with Christ, reflecting on those hours when the world had killed God and He had not yet risen, and giving thanks for the amazing gift of tomorrow.

That's all for this week.
Come back next Sat. for more ideas of things to do with family or friends while social distancing.
- Denelle

