

**Wonderplay – Games, crafts & creative activities
for infants, toddlers and preschoolers
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Wonderplay is just what the title says, a book of games, crafts, song and dance for families with young children. This book has been around for at least 10 years, and while you can find almost anything on the internet these days, having a little magic book of wonders on the shelf is a plus with little ones in the house. Not every parent is able to be spontaneously creative (myself included) to, for example, make a duck out of a Kleenex box. And not every parent knows what crafty items to stock up on for those rainy summer days. Even if you are a well-seasoned parent and have a big arts, crafts, and song repertoire, you might find some new ideas especially in the recipe section or the suggestions for the Rainy Day Box.

Wonderplay is a book that will help 'spark your imagination' as a parent and give creative ideas for all those house-hold recyclables. This is a bonus for those of us who live in parts of the world where recycling is not yet heard of! The authors give great tips for song, dance, crafts, games, even cooking and have presented them developmentally for the age of your infant through to pre-schooler.

While in today's world the internet provides ideas for almost any game, recipe, craft or idea, I love this book as it has all the ideas wrapped up together and I can pull it from my shelf at any time. I also like the holistic aspect, with ideas for dance, music, singing, play, games that incorporate body, mind, emotion, and intuitive expression. Even as an adult it is fun to take those no longer fashionable scarves and wave them to music or become a bull-fighter and imagine the crowd in Spain cheering you and your children on in your living room.