

## August Share-Ideas

### Run Through Sprinkler Rain on a Sunny Day.

What fun it is for a child to run through the sprinkler rain on a hot sunny day. There are so many exciting ways to play with water in the hot August sunshine.



This is a perfect time to give your child a little pail of water and a big paint brush and let him water paint his trucks and cars, the sidewalk, the steps, a tree trunk, a leaf, or even your car. Children will imagine different colors with the bucket of water and a paintbrush. "Water Painting" is always fun.

Young children also love to play "Washing Machine". Give them a pan of mild soapy water, some old rags and washable toys, big and small. They will have fun washing toys then dipping them in water on a hot sunny day.

### Create Your Own Little Back Yard Tent

Your child can help you put three four-foot stakes into the soft earth under a shade tree. Drape a blanket over it so that it looks like a little tent.

You might put up a card table and drape a sheet over it for a pretend summerhouse. Young children will find many creative ways to play in and around their very own summer playhouse outside. Treat your children to a night picnic under the summer sky and watch the stars.



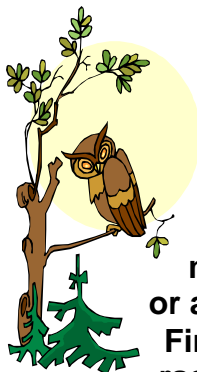
### Go For A Night Hike In A Safe Park



If you cover your flashlight with a piece of red cellophane, the dim light will not scare the tiny night animals and children can see them up close.

They can find fireflies and crickets, grasshoppers, and beetles. You may even see such night animals as bats, or a field mouse, an owl, or a nighthawk.

Find pictures of other active night animals such as a porcupine, a striped skunk, a little raccoon, or a flying squirrel.



Ask your children how animals and people stay cool in the hot summer. Here are two sample sentence stories.

"I hide in the shade by the side of the road," says the little green toad.

"I jump into the water from a little log," says a little green frog.

