

Games For Kids

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Summary

I am a big game lover so I thought it would be fun to put together a list of games that I have either heard about at various gaming conventions, read about online, or tried myself. This list is by no means inclusive and it is entirely in my opinion only.

Games

This list is sorted by recommended age. Note that in my opinion the ages listed on the games are often too low by at least a year. Buy a 4 or 5 year old game that has an age of 3+.

| Name | Company | Age | Price | Notes |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|-------|--|
| Board and Card Games | | | | |
| Quack Quack | Blue Orange Games | 3+ | \$17 | Fun little color matching game. Beautiful wooden box and pieces. |
| Kids of Catan | Mayfair Games | 4+ | \$50 | Simple board game. Great to develop turn taking skills. |
| Viva Topo! | Rio Grande Games | 4+ | \$30 | Chase the mouse and get the cheese! |
| Beetlez | Mayfair Games | 5+ | \$20 | Fast paced card flipping fun! |
| Bella Sara | Hidden City Games | 5+ | \$15 | This is a game for girls. It is a collectable card game with an optional online component. |
| Catch The Match | Playroom Entertainment | 5+ | \$8 | In general games from Playroom are good AND cheap! You can get them for \$5.95 each at Thought Hammer (see below). |
| Gulo Gulo | Rio Grande Games | 5+ | \$28 | |
| Hear n' Seek | Playroom Entertainment | 5+ | \$8 | |
| Monkey Memory | Playroom Entertainment | 5+ | \$8 | |
| Sherlock | Playroom Entertainment | 5+ | \$8 | |
| Fuzzy Heroes 2 nd Edition | Inner City Games | 6+ | \$11 | Wonderfully simple war game where kids get to play with their favorite toys or stuffed animals. Fun stuff. |
| Right Turn, Left Turn | Playroom Entertainment | 6+ | \$8 | This one could work for kids at this age. |
| Blink | Out of the Box Publishing | 7+ | \$6 | |
| Gouda! Gouda! | EuroGames | 7+ | \$25 | This one can be harder to find but it is fun. |
| Snorta! | Out Of The Box Publishing | 7+ | \$25 | |
| Wallamoppi | Out Of The Box Publishing | 7+ | \$25 | |

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| Hey That's My Fish! (Deluxe Edition) | Mayfair Games | 8+ | \$32 | |
| Nobody But Us Chickens | Dancing Eggplant Games | 8+ | \$15 | |
| Sleeping Queens | Gamewright | 8+ | \$11 | Won kids game of the year for 2009 on a site I respect. |
| Warriors | Face 2 Face Games | 8+ | \$20 | Great game for boys. |
| Bang! | Mayfair Games | 10+ | \$11 | The bullet version comes with all of the expansion packs and a case that looks like a bullet. Neato. |
| Role-Playing Games | | | | |
| Faery's Tale Deluxe Edition | Green Ronin | 6+ | \$15 | Probably the best RPG for kids on the market. Children play faeries in a mystical woodland. Great product. |
| Meddling Kids | Pandahead Productions | 8+ | \$20 | Think Scooby Doo. |
| Prince's Kingdom | Anvilwerks | 10+ | \$30 | |
| The Zantabulous Zorcerer of Zo | Atomic Sock Monkey Press | 10+ | \$30 | Zo is a very well written RPG with lots of flavor. Perfect for creating your own fairy tales. |
| Roleplaying With Kids | Technomancer Press | Adults | \$13 | This is a book for adults that discusses role-playing with kids. |

Online Resources

Here is a list of some sites that have great information about games with kids. I am also listing some online game stores that have great selections or that I have used personally.

| Name | URL | Notes |
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| Board Game Geek | http://boardgamegeek.com | Biggest and best board game related review site on the net. Focus on adult games but has some kid game reviews. |
| FRP Games | http://www.frpgames.com | Nice site with RPG related products and adult games. Connected with Game Kastle a huge game store across from Costco on Coleman. |
| GatePlay | http://www.gateplay.com | Source for adult board games. |
| Kid Games Ratings | http://kidgameratings.com | Best source for reviews on kid games. |
| Noble Knight Games | http://www.nobleknight.com | Great source for RPG related products and adult games. |
| RPGs For Kids | http://www.tlucetius.net/RPGs/kids.html | Fantastic user site with great recommendations for kid RPGs. Also have links to other kid game sites. |
| Thought Hammer | http://www.thoughthammer.com | Fantastic online store for board games. BIG discounts given on every product on a daily basis. |