

# Let's Explore... Other Fun Things

## Science Experiments Are Fun

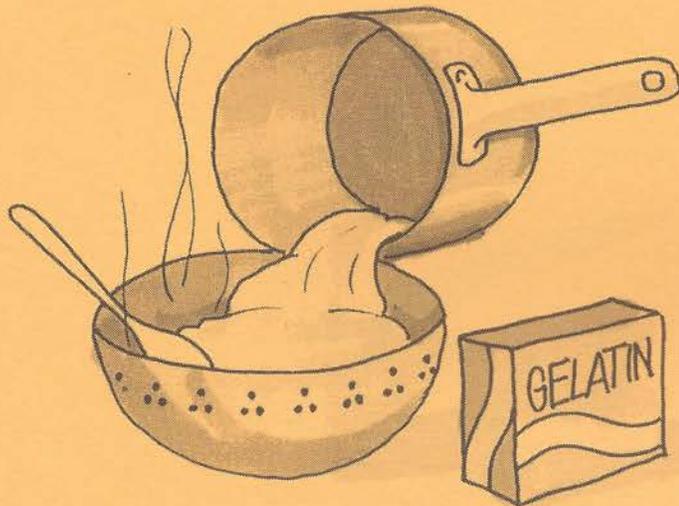
Encourage the curiosity of all family members. If these experiments whet your appetite, go to the library and search for more.

### Water and Wax Paper

Place a few drops of water on the wax paper and observe the reaction. Try blowing water or moving the paper to get the water out of its bead form.

### Looking Through a Pinhole

Make a pinhole in the center of a piece of 8 1/2 x 11 white paper. Have your child hold up the paper to look through the hole. See how amazed he is at how much he sees through the small pinhole.



### Giant Gelatin Lens

#### Materials

2 envelopes unflavored gelatin  
1 1/2 c. boiling water  
pie pan

#### Directions

Pour boiling water over gelatin and stir until dissolved. Pour mixture into pie pan and place in refrigerator until firm. Lift it out with spatula, hold it up to the eye, and look through it. Does anything look distorted?

All the Family Can Enjoy this One!

### Home Hazard Hunt

Most accidents in the home are preventable. Make a game to see who can spot home hazards as the family checks the house together to learn how to avoid, repair, or protect from home hazards.

- Check that no poisonous cleaning supplies are stored under counter.
- See that items are not stored on stairs.
- Check the fireplaces, kerosene stoves, or wood burners. Are they safe from little hands?
- Are bathtubs and shower stalls safe from slipping?
- Are sliding doors marked so that no one will bang into them?
- Are there oil slicks on the driveway?

Take a good look at your home and think of other possible hazards. Then work on removing them!

## Picture Fun

Try clipping pictures out of magazines and thinking up funny captions for them. Send one to a friend if it seems just right for that person.

### Family Chore Bowl

One way to assign jobs for family members is to write various tasks on colored slips of paper which are placed in a bowl, jar, or box. Each child picks a chore and, when finished, returns to choose another. Children cannot dispute the fairness of this method.

(Be sure the chores are suited to the ages of the children.)

Doing Things Together Builds Strong Families

## Newspaper Games

Let one night be "newspaper night" at your house.

Have family members crumple newspaper into ammunition balls and arrange forts of cardboard for a good battle. No one gets hurt and lots of "fight" gets played out.

Have a contest to see who can make the most unusual hat with newspaper. Provide tape or paste. You can add any other odds and ends you might have around the house.

Make flour paste, tear the newspapers into strips, and mix. Use the mixture to mold shapes. See who can make the funniest, the smallest, the most original, etc. Let them dry and they can be painted later.

### Materials

1/2 c. flour  
2/3 c. water

### Directions

Mix and stir the paste until it has a creamy consistency. Be careful about making lumps. Refrigerate. Makes about 1/2 pint.

