

Ordinary Adventures

The little days they'll remember

6 pages · colour it, cut it, use it together



Made for This Day

Before you start

Please read this page before the children do

Adult supervision is required for every activity in this pack. Children under 12 are more impulsive and less able to follow multi-step safety instructions than adults, and there is no substitute for direct supervision (U.S. CPSC, Art and Craft Safety Guide, Pub. 5015).

Steps marked ADULT STEP are for an adult to do

- not for a child with an adult watching. They are marked that way for a reason.

Materials

Paper or thin card, crayons or washable markers, and child-safety scissors to cut out the cards. Use art materials labelled for children and marked "Conforms to ASTM D-4236". Do not substitute a material carrying a caution or warning label - CPSC advises against those for children through grade 6. Even materials labelled non-toxic can be harmful if used in a way they were not intended for.

While you work

Keep food and drink out of the work area. An adult does the cutting for younger children. Wash hands afterwards.

Small pieces

Once cut out, the cards are small paper pieces. Not suitable for children under 3, who may put them in their mouths - keep cut cards away from little ones.

This is a checklist and a drawing page - mostly colouring and ticking off.

If something goes wrong - U.S. Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

This is a printable set. We do not supply materials and cannot know what you have at home or what your child can safely handle, so those judgements are yours. Read the label on every product you use and follow it over anything written here. Use at your own risk.

A note for the grown-up

The little days they'll remember

It's easy to feel you owe your child a big day - the zoo, the fair, the outing that costs a Saturday and a small fortune. Here is the quiet thing most parents learn late:

Children don't remember the big day out nearly as much as they remember that you were there.

They don't want the grand plan. They want to be with you. That's the whole thing. It's almost unfair how simple it is.

So go to the playground you've already been to a hundred times. Go to the library. Take a walk after dinner and let them set the pace, even when the pace is a slow inspection of every drain.

And when it rains - jump in the puddle.

Don't walk around it. Don't tell them to walk around it. Jump in it, with them. That's the one they'll still be telling you about when they're grown.

Tick these off together - not to finish them, but to notice how many of the best afternoons cost nothing at all.

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Tick them off together - no rush



Jump in a puddle



Watch the rubbish truck go by



Go to the library



Bake something together



Take a walk after dinner



Build a blanket fort



Go to the playground (yes, again)



Feed the ducks



Collect leaves or stones



Look for the moon

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Tick them off together - no rush



Splash in the bath a little longer



Lie on the grass and find shapes in the clouds



Read in a pile of pillows



Dance in the kitchen



Plant a seed and watch it



Post a letter to Grandma



Draw with chalk outside



Make a den under the table



Have breakfast for dinner



Your own ordinary adventure:

The one we'll remember

Draw the ordinary day you loved most

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The best part was: _____
