



## Turn the Screen Off and Be Active!

### Did you know?

The average child spends over four hours a day watching television. Children spend even more time using electronics.

### Help your child watch less and move more!

Try to limit screen time. Provide other options. Replace television and other electronic time with a new hobby, playing outside or family time.

- Reward your children with active time together. Go for a walk, play a game, or learn to cook!
- Create “screen-free” bedrooms. Your children will be able to sleep better without a television, computer, or video games in the bedroom.
- Set a good example. When you spend more time being active your children will do the same.

### Can't Go Outside?

When it is raining or too dark outside, you and your child may not be able to play outdoors. Below are some ideas for bringing physical activity indoors.

- Turn on your favorite music and have a dance party!
- Have your child help with chores. Some examples include: vacuuming, cleaning their room, and putting away groceries.
- Play a game of “Simon Says.”
- Make time spent watching television more active. See who can do the most sit-ups and pushups during commercials.

### Take Action! Get Moving Together:

- Try to add an extra 10 minutes of physical activity with your child each day!
- Invite neighbors and friends to join you for a game of tag or kickball.
- Take an extra trip up and down your stairs to get your legs moving.
- Visit the local community center for activities and team games.



## Recipe

### Ice Cream in a Bag

Servings: 1

#### Ingredients:

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| ½ cup 2% reduced-fat milk        | 1 quart-sized freezer bag  |
| 1 Tablespoon sugar               | 1 gallon-sized freezer bag |
| ¼ teaspoon vanilla extract       | ½ cup crushed ice          |
| 2 Tablespoons table or rock salt |                            |

#### Directions:

1. Add 2% reduced-fat milk, sugar, and vanilla extract to the quart-sized freezer bag.
2. Seal your quart-sized freezer bag.
3. Take the gallon-sized freezer bag and add ice and salt to the freezer bag.
4. Place the quart-sized bag inside the gallon-sized freezer bag.
5. Seal the gallon sized bag.
6. Shake for 5 minutes or until the milk turns to ice cream and ENJOY!



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