

# Sukkot Activities

## Family Discussion, Questions and Activities

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### Activities

#### Build an Outdoor or Indoor Sukkah



A sukkah can come in any shape or size. Not everyone is able to construct an outdoor sukkah. Even if you don't have access to a sukkah, it's easy to get creative with some temporary dwellings. Set up a fort in the backyard and camp out with the kids for a night.

Or, if you have limited outdoor space, help your child build an indoor pillow fort, or use cardboard boxes to design an indoor sukkah. Then provide a space to collect nonperishable foodstuffs to donate to your local food bank or other shelter.



## Nature Trek Sukkah Decorations



Take a walk together through nature, away from the hustle-and-bustle of everyday life. Try collecting different pieces of nature on your stroll - twigs, colorful leaves, dandelions, etc. You can use these pieces of nature to create art and decorate your sukkah with them. When you look on the walls of your sukkah, you will all remember the nature trek. After all, the best pieces of art are ones that represent shared memories.



## Create a “welcome sign” for your Sukkah.

A family photo, some decorations, and a few words are all it takes to welcome friends and family to your sukkah.

### Materials

Strong Background Material - wooden board or strong canvas board.  
Paint - color of your choice  
Paintbrush  
Photo of your family  
Fall-themed decorations (acorns, colorful wheat, leaves)  
Glitter pen



### Directions

Paint the board a rich fall color (e.g., green, orange, rust).  
Wait for paint to dry.  
Glue on a family photo along with your decorative element.  
Using the glitter pen, add a "Welcome to our Sukkah" or a message of your choice to the board.  
Display at the entrance to your Sukkah.



## **Make a Sukkah Tzedakah Bank**

Decorate a small box or berry crate like a sukkah and collect money to buy food for the needy. When it is full, either present it to the food bank or plan a trip to the grocery store to purchase a meal for a needy family.



## **Family Questions and Discussion**

### **What do you love about your home?**

Discuss the concept of home. What are the things that make your home special? What do you think it means to “feel at home”? When you go away, what do you miss about home? How do you think the Jewish people felt having to wander for so many years living in sukkot?

### **Welcoming your guests**

Do you ever invite guests to your home? How do you make your guests feel welcome? What do you like about having guests over? Are you ever a guest in someone else’s home? How do you think a good guest should behave?

A sukkah is the perfect place for your children to master the art of hospitality. It's customary to invite guests to your sukkah, so ask some friends and neighbors over and show your kids how to welcome them into your home. Have your children invite a special friend to their homemade indoor or outdoor sukkah. Ask your children how they felt when they acted as hosts.

