

# Children activities

## Games

Games can be a part of your event. Use Pippi's ideas and games, with the stories as your basis. Here are some games that Pippi likes:

### **Squeazle hunt**

Just think of it, what a lot of great stuff there is lying about in the world, just waiting to be found! Go out in nature and look for a squeazle. What is a squeazle? It's up to you to decide, maybe an empty litter container, a beetle or something else!

### **Don't step on the floor course**

Set up an obstacle course, using whatever you can find such as rugs and chairs, and leap about in the room without touching the floor. The goal is to leap all the way around the course without touching the floor. If you like music, you can put on a nice melody and do it to music.

### **Floor-scrubbing game**

What can you find that becomes slippery under your feet and makes it possible to slide around singing? Maybe you have slippery socks or a well-polished floor.

### **Thing-finding game**

Choose a thing, hide it and ask everybody to search for it. Give hints by telling them they are hotter (closer to the item) or colder (further from the item).

### **Make up a word**

There are so many words that we haven't made up yet. Make up your own word and let everyone guess what it means. Suddenly you may have invented a new word.

### **Play with the ghosts in the attic**

The ghosts in the attic can be exciting. Rather kind, but still a bit scary... Maybe you have a storage or an attic, or just a darker room nearby. Go there and sneak around and see if you see any traces of ghosts.

### **The backwards game**

Is there a country where everybody walks backwards? And how hard would that be? Does the time also go backwards if you walk backwards? There's so much we need to find out... Walk around backwards in the room and do all your normal things like jumping, walking and dancing and see how that works.

### **Shipwreck game**

Pretend that you are stranded on a desert island. Shipwrecks are exciting: pirates, letter-in-a-bottle, desert islands, treasures and gold coins. Pretend that some of your friends are pirates and go out on a treasure hunt.

### **Crazy stories**

You shouldn't tell fibs normally, but sometimes it can be fun to try lying so much that your tongue turns blue. Invent your own crazy stories and take turns telling them.

### **Find Mr Nilsson**

You can place the paper cut-outs of Mr. Nilsson in a room in unexpected places. For example, under a chair, on the ceiling or on a lamp. Let the children walk around and see if they can find all the Mr. Nilsson's hiding in the room. You can also have the children count how many cut-outs there are. The cut-outs are available on [Sharingsweden.se](http://Sharingsweden.se).

### **Dress up**

Lots of people enjoy dressing up like Pippi Longstocking and her friends! You can encourage the children to put on a masquerade or organise a Pippi parade. Look in the books for inspiration on how to dress up like Pippi. Mis-matched socks and over-sized shoes are a must. But remember, Pippi only exists in her own world – the one created by Astrid Lindgren. That means that a grown person dressed up to look like Pippi should not host a conference, read stories to the children, hand out bags of sweets or do similar things.

Clothes such as socks, pants, shoes, apron, tunic, and wig can be ordered from SI through the application form for the Congrats Pippi! toolkit.

### **Create**

#### **Plan Pippi's birthday party!**

Pippi invites her neighbours Tommy and Annika to her birthday for a party. Pippi's horse Little Old Man and her monkey Mr. Nilsson are also invited. Pippi has baked all cakes herself. Annika and Tommy have never been to a better party. Create a Pippi party. How do you think she would decorate?

What else can you offer when you have a Pippi party? Pick something from the stories – it can be (eighteen kilos of) candies, gingerbread or pancakes. At her own party, Pippi serves chocolate with whipped cream and lots of cookies and cakes.

Hope you make it a really fun party!

If you want, you can also download Pippi flags for your party:

[https://astridlindgren.cdn.prismic.io/astridlindgren/0af4546b-1d82-4714-8eeb-0181343a4b20\\_Flaggspelel.pdf](https://astridlindgren.cdn.prismic.io/astridlindgren/0af4546b-1d82-4714-8eeb-0181343a4b20_Flaggspelel.pdf)

#### **Colour in with Pippi.**

Visit <https://www.astridlindgren.com/en/characters/pippi-longstocking/fun-with-pippi> and print out some of the images for the children to colour in. We hope you make some great pictures!

### **Make your own kite**

Make it any way you like, choosing your own colours, and take it out to a field one day when there is a 'kite-wind' blowing. For inspiration please search YouTube for 'How to make your own kite'.

### **Quiz & puzzle**

#### **Quiz**

Just like Pippi you can make up a quiz with fun questions about freckles, teachers and other important things. You can find some of our most popular questions for a Pippi quiz on [Sharingsweden.se](http://Sharingsweden.se).

#### **Puzzle**

The children can also try to finish a Pippi puzzle, available to order through the application form for the Congrats Pippi! toolkit.

### **Read the books out loud**

We encourage you to read the books to the children. Having someone read aloud is often an appreciated activity. Depending on how much time you have, you can read all or parts of a book to the children. Remember also that Pippi is not able to read, so naturally she must not be the one reading to the children.

### **Quotes**

Pippi has said a lot of wise and funny things. We have selected a number of Pippi quotes that we particularly like, but you are of course free to find your own from the books! The following copyright must be mentioned in association with quotations: ©The Astrid Lindgren Company™. The quotes are available to download from [Sharingsweden.se](http://Sharingsweden.se).

Longer portions of text from the Pippi Longstocking books do not count as free-standing quotes and must therefore be used with care in your material. Check with The Astrid Lindgren Company if you are uncertain.

### **Music and film clips**

On YouTube there are lots of activities for children such as songs and parts from the movies. The following channels are free to show for non-profitable purposes:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4a70Q5T62wFT-aegFqQQCA/videos>

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGOkU\\_NCsv7\\_O-xnBNLPOfQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGOkU_NCsv7_O-xnBNLPOfQ)