Children Outing Recommendations

0-2 years old – There is a tremendous amount of growth and exploring at this age. There is plenty of learning taking place in the first few years of their development. As such, children in these age groups need to be around places where there is space for movement and discovering. Botanical Gardens is a good start because you can have a family picnic by the Symphony Fountain as your child lies on their back or stomach observing nature or crawl around freely. Bring a favourite story to read to your child outdoors or just sit back and enjoy nature together. Engage them in conversation by introducing the things surrounding them; they may not reciprocate depending on how old they are but look out for subtle gestures such as looking at you or smiling or even hand and leg movements. That is their way of acknowledging you.

2-3 years old – The Jacob Ballas Children’s Garden is an excellent way to keep the young ones busy discovering for hours. This park allows children to interact using their five senses with nature so they can learn all about plants and insects.

4-5 years old – Kids this age simply love playing games and toys. What better way to indulge our loved ones than to walk down memory lane with them by visiting toy shops that showcase old toys and games. Located in a culturally rich heritage site, Kampong Glam @ Arab St, are two shops in particular that sells kid’s toys and games, one is located right outside the Sultan Mosque and the other a few stalls in front of the mosque. In one of the shops, you can visit the museum on the second floor to look at more old toys and memoirs as far back as 1950s for a small sum of $2.

6 years and above – Expose children to different forms of art by visiting museums. The museum encourages children to pay close attention to details and enhances their free expression. As most art are abstract, children are encouraged to express their perspective in what they see. Some recommended museums include the Singapore National Museum, Singapore Art Museum, 8Q@Singapore Art Museum, ArtScience Museum, Asian Civilization Museum, Mint Toy Museum & The Singapore Philatelic Museum.

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