

How to Keep Your Children Entertained for Six Weeks Using

The Story of the World

Not sure how to entertain your children for weeks on end without plopping them in front of Disney+ for eight hours straight while you attempt, for the third time this week, to just take a S H O W E R?

We're here to help.

The Story of the World, our perennially best-selling elementary-level* history text, is filled with amazing stories from, well, around the world. And we've put together a list of the best-of-the-best chapters for you to read along with your children (or have them read, or have [Jim Weiss](#) read to them while you finally take that shower). Then, we've listed the top activities that correspond with these chapters so your children can continue learning without even *knowing* they're learning because they're too busy delighting in making Turkish delight, conquering Europe, and mummifying chickens. Our Activity Books also include map exercises, games, reading lists, and (in most cases) coloring pages.

If you don't already have our *Story of the World* texts and Activity Books, [they're available on our store](#) (you can even buy them as PDFs!). We've also listed the ISBNs for the paperback versions of each title in case you want to shop elsewhere.

*Do you have middle-schoolers at home? No worries! They'll still enjoy reading *The Story of the World*; the reading level increases across the four volumes. And the joys of mummifying a chicken are ageless.

Story of the World, Vol. 1

Chapter (from Text) ISBN: 978-1-933339-00-9	Activity (from Activity Book) ISBN: 978-1-933339-05-4
Chapter Two: Egyptians Lived on the Nile River	Make a model of the Nile to understand how the flooding helped farmers.
Chapter Four: The Old Kingdom of Egypt	Make a chicken mummy and learn about how the Egyptians mummified their dead. OR Build a miniature sand-cube step pyramid.
Chapter Seven: Hammurabi and the Babylonians	Make your own law code stele, a set of laws written on carved stone.
Chapter Eight: The Assyrians	Draw a picture of Enkidu, a half man half animal. OR Compose your own fairy tale, a new adventure for Gilgamesh and Enkidu or something else totally new.
Chapter Nine: The First Cities of India	Make your own bricks from dirt, straw, and water. AND/OR Use those bricks to make a Mohenjo-Daro dwelling.
Chapter Ten: The Far East: Ancient China	Make a Ming bowl and decorate it like potters in ancient China did.
Chapter Eleven: Ancient Africa	Make your own Anansi the Spider out of styrofoam and pipe cleaners.

Chapter Thirteen: The New Kingdom of Egypt	Make a false beard like Hatshepsut had to wear when she was pretending to be a man.
Chapter Nineteen: The Early Greeks	Make your own Mycenaean helmet and shield.
Chapter Twenty: Greece Gets Civilized Again	Have your own Olympic games and Greek feast party to celebrate.
Chapter Twenty-Two: Sparta and Athens	Make Spartan and Athenian paper dolls.
Chapter Twenty-Four: The Wars of the Greeks	Make an ice cream sculpture of the kind of boat the Greeks used to use in war.
Chapter Twenty-Eight: The Roman Empire	Make a Roman chariot and run some races. OR Build a model aqueduct.
Chapter Thirty: The Aryans of India	Have a (pretend) Tiger Hunt like nobility used to in India.
Chapter Thirty-Two: China: Writing and the Qin	Practice Chinese calligraphy with watercolor paints.
Chapter Thirty-Five: Caesar the Hero	Mint your own coins, and put your face on them like you're a Roman emperor.
Chapter Forty-One: The Attacking Barbarians	Make barbarian bracelets that are both jewelry and armor.
Chapter Forty-Two: The End of Rome	Make a Roman emperor's scepter. AND/OR Have a Roman party.

Story of the World, Vol. 2

Chapter (from Text) ISBN: 978-1-933339-09-2	Activity (from Activity Book) ISBN: 978-1-933339-13-9
Chapter Two: The Early Days of Britain	Make your own double-headed Celtic war axe. AND/OR Have a Celtic warrior reenactment.
Chapter Four: The Byzantine Empire	Make the crown and jeweled earrings of Empress Theodora. AND/OR Make Justinian and Theodora paper dolls.
Chapter Five: The Medieval Indian Empire	Paint your own Ajanta cave fresco.
Chapter Six: The Rise of Islam	Make an edible model of an oasis.
Chapter Eight: The Great Dynasties of China	Use wooden blocks to do your own string block printing.
Chapter Nine: East of China	Make a Japanese carp kite. AND/OR Compose and illustrate your own haiku.
Chapter Ten: The Bottom of the World	Make your own moth mix. AND/OR Make a boomerang.
Chapter Thirteen: The Great Kings of France	Make Charlemagne's crown. AND/OR Do a puppet retelling of Charlemagne's life.
Chapter Fourteen: The Arrival of the Norsemen	Have your own Viking funeral. AND/OR Make Viking bread.
Chapter Fifteen: The First Kings of England	Play the William the Conqueror and Harold game. AND/OR Make Alfred cakes.
Chapter Eighteen: The Age of Crusades	Make El Cid's beard. AND/OR Make a crusader's surcoat.
Chapter Twenty: The Diaspora	Make Jewish charoset. AND/OR Make Clever Rabbi of Cordova finger-puppets and act out the story.
Chapter Twenty-One: The Mongols Devastate the East	Make a watermelon warship. AND/OR Make a Chinese hanging lantern.
Chapter Twenty-Five: The End of the World	Make a plague doctor mask.
Chapter Twenty-Nine: African Kingdoms	Make salt blocks. AND/OR Make an African mask.
Chapter Thirty-Two: The American Kingdoms	Make Aztec hot chocolate. AND/OR Grind your own maize.

Chapter Thirty-Seven: The New Universe	Make a universe that hangs from your ceiling. AND/OR Make a bubble telescope.
Chapter Forty: New Ventures to the Americas	Practice leaving a trace. Write a clue in your back yard or wherever you have space, then have somebody else in your family try and figure out where you are hiding based on your clue.

Story of the World, Vol. 3

Chapter (from Text) ISBN: 978-1-945841-44-6	Activity (from Activity Book) ISBN: 978-1-945841-47-7
Chapter Three: James, King of Two Countries	Celebrate Guy Fawkes' Day. AND/OR Make colonial pottage.
Chapter Four: Searching for the Northwest Passage	Use spice to experiment with finding out how food tasted before refrigerators. AND/OR Make your own fool's gold.
Chapter Six: New Colonies in the New World	Make yourself a peg leg like Peter Stuyvesant. AND/OR Make some traditional Wampanoag dishes.
Chapter Seven: The Spread of Slavery	Make an anti-smoking poster.
Chapter Eight: The Middle East	Color an Ottoman design.
Chapter Eleven: The Moghul Emperors of India	Practice pretend Guerilla warfare. AND/OR Craft the Peacock Throne.
Chapter Twelve: Battle, Fire, and Plague in England	Use the template to make a London street and set a fire to see how quickly it spreads.
Chapter Fifteen: A New World in Conflict	Learn to use camouflage like the Iroquois.
Chapter Seventeen: Russia Looks West	Plan your own city.
Chapter Eighteen: East and West Collide	Make Turkish Delight. AND/OR Make your own shadow theatre.
Chapter Nineteen: The English in India	Make a sundial.
Chapter Twenty-Two: Revolution!	Make armies of paper soldiers from both sides of the American Revolution.
Chapter Twenty-Four: Sailing South	Make an Aboriginal message stick.
Chapter Twenty-Five: Revolution Gone Sour	Play the "Storm the Bastille" game. AND/OR Make a red citizen cap.
Chapter Twenty-Six: Catherine the Great	Make and dress a Catherine the Great paper doll.
Chapter Twenty-Nine: The Rise of Bonaparte	Eat like a British sailor. AND/OR Play the "Conquer the World" game.
Chapter Thirty-Three: The End of Napoleon	Make a salt map of St. Helena Island.

Chapter Thirty-Seven:
Troubled Africa

Make an Assegai stabbing spear. AND/OR Make a "traditional"
African pot.

Story of the World, Vol. 4

Chapter (from Text) ISBN: 978-0-9728603-3-8	Activity (from Activity Book) ISBN: 978-0-9728603-5-2
Chapter Five: The American Civil War	Make a Juneteenth meal.
Chapter Six: Two Tries for Freedom	Make a political cartoon.
Chapter Seven: Two Empires, Three Republics, and One Kingdom	Write your own fairy tale.
Chapter Nine: Two More Empires, Two Rebellions	Make a volcano.
Chapter Ten: A Canal to the East and a Very Dry Desert	Make a Peruvian sling. AND/OR Write a mini opera.
Chapter Twelve: Unhappy Unions	Make rock candy. AND/OR Make traditional Irish stew.
Chapter Fifteen: Small Countries With Large Invaders	Read some news articles and see how you can change them with yellow journalism.
Chapter Twenty: Revolution In the Americas...War In the World	Write a Mariachi song. AND/OR Do the Spanish Flu maze timeline.
Chapter Twenty-One: A Revolution Begins, and the Great War Ends	Make your own passport.
Chapter Twenty-Two: National Uprisings	Research peaceful demonstrations.
Chapter Twenty-Six: The Great Crash, and What Came of It	Estimate with inflation how much more things cost today than in the past. AND/OR Research one or more of the resistance movements against the Nazis.
Chapter Twenty-Seven: Civil War and Invasion	Play the “¡Riesgo! Conquer Spain” game.
Chapter Twenty-Eight: The Second World War	Make a victory garden. AND/OR Make a wartime poster.
Chapter Twenty-Nine: The End of World War II	Role-play packing your suitcase in five minutes to escape from London.
Chapter Thirty-One: Western Bullies and American Money	Make a Berliner donut.
Chapter Thirty-Eight: Two Ways of Fighting	Hold your own Olympics.
Chapter Thirty-Nine: The 1980s in the East and the Mideast	Make a langar meal.

Chapter Forty-Two:
The End of the Twentieth Century

Create an idea for your own monument.