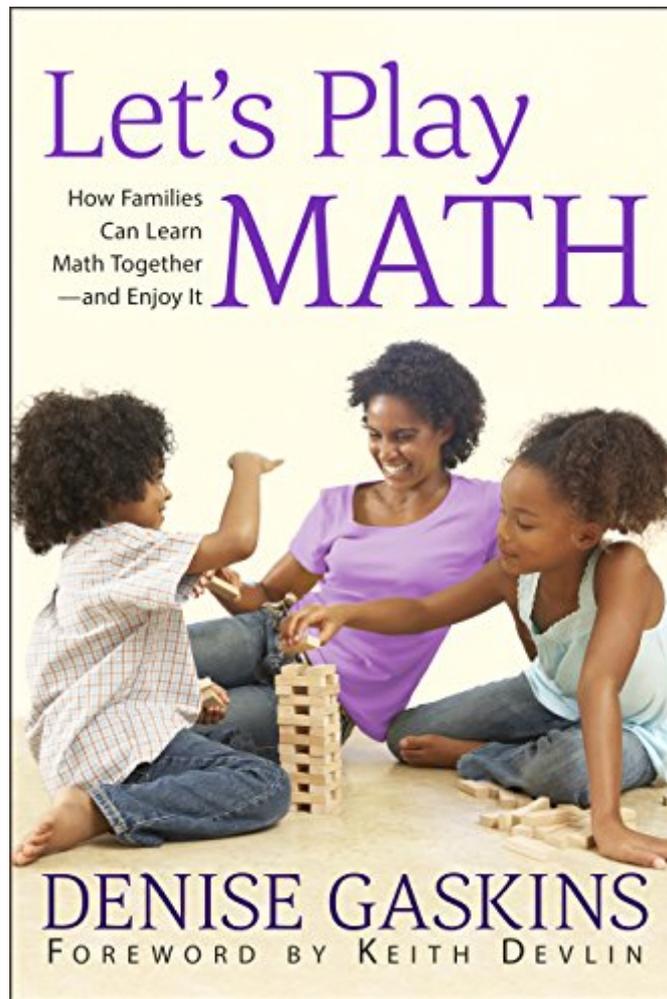


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# Let's Play Math: How Families Can Learn Math Together—and Enjoy It



## Synopsis

Yes, Your Kids CAN Do Math Without Tears. All parents and teachers have one thing in common: we want our children to understand and be able to use math. Filled with stories and pictures, Let's Play Math offers a wealth of practical, hands-on ideas for exploring concepts from preschool to high school. Your children will gain a strong foundation when you approach math as a family game, playing with ideas. Sections include: How to Understand Math: Introduce your children to the thrill of conquering a challenge. Build deep understanding by thinking, playing, and asking questions like a mathematician. Playful Problem Solving: Awaken your children's minds to the beauty and wonder of mathematics. Discover the social side of math, and learn games for players of all ages. Math with Living Books: See how mathematical ideas ebb and flow through the centuries with this brief tour through history. Can your kids solve puzzles from China, India, or Ancient Egypt? Let's Get Practical: Fit math into your family's daily life, help your children develop mental calculation skills, and find out what to try when your child struggles. Resources and References: With so many library books and Internet sites, you'll never run out of playful mathematical adventures. Denise Gaskins provides a treasure lode of helpful tips for all families, whether your children are homeschooling, unschooling, or attending a traditional classroom. Even if you struggled with math in school, you can help your kids practice mental math skills, master the basic facts, and ask the kind of questions that encourage deeper thought. Don't let your children suffer from the epidemic of math anxiety. Grab a copy of Let's Play Math, and start enjoying math today.

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Let's Play Math : How families can learn Math together and enjoy it By Denise Gaskins. This is another book in the Lets Pay Math series under the banner of Tabletop Academy Press. To fully enjoy reading this book, it is assumed that the reader has basic numeracy skills. The book reads almost like a novel which makes it really easy to read and work through. There are many word problems or math stories through out the book and the answers are provided at the back of the book. There are 5 sections and 10 chapters in the book. There is also a treasure trove of resources and references at the tail end of book. A quick summary of what you can expect from the book. Introduction- covers math myths that we have all grown up believing and passed on to our kids. Myths like : Children need a textbook in order to learn. That was actually the tamest one. Get ready to have some long held beliefs shattered. Chapter 1- The "Aha!" Factor - here she covers the problem with traditional school math and the "Aha!" Factor ( channelling Oprah here lol!). Chapter 2 - Think like a Mathematician- she compares the types of math children learn: instrumental understanding where the primary goal is to get the answer right and pass tests and Relational understanding where the primary goal is to see the building blocks of each topic and how that topic relates to other concepts. Chapter 3 - Math you can play : covers how to tell Math stories and play Math Games. Chapter 4 - Math you can touch: covers how and when manipulatives should be used. Would have loved some examples of Montessori manipulatives.

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