

**ON A FAMILY VACATION,
NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU SCREAM.**



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RV

MOVIE ACTIVITY BOOK

INTRODUCTION

You know the drill. Everyone in your family is going in a million different directions. Each day is filled with such varied activities that even finding a time to sit down for a family dinner is a challenge. The kids have their computers and mp3 players – and so do the parents. The family vehicles are barely more than taxicabs, shuttling people from one appointment to the next.

All the while you wonder, *how did life get this crazy!?*

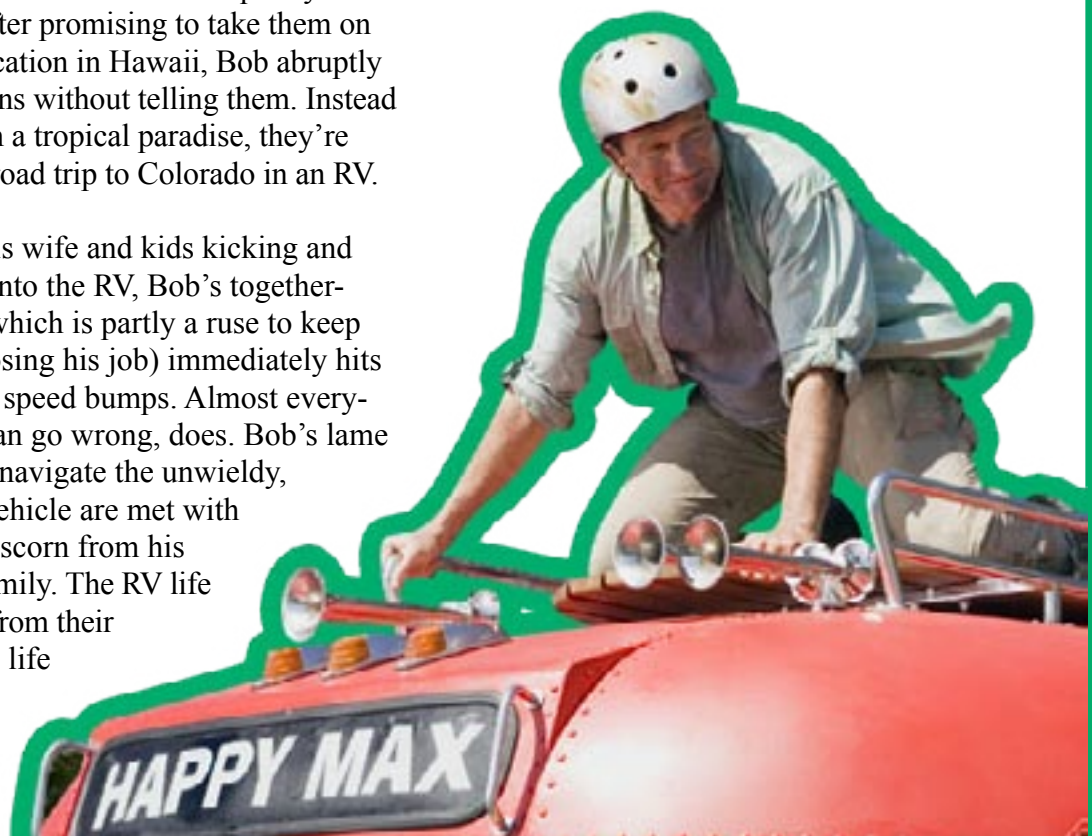
You will certainly identify with Columbia Pictures' new movie *RV*. In the film, an over-worked Bob Munro (Robin Williams), his wife Jamie (Cheryl Hines), their 15-year-old daughter Cassie (Joanna "JoJo" Levesque) and 12-year-old son Carl (Josh Hutcherson) are in desperate need of some quality time together. After promising to take them on a family vacation in Hawaii, Bob abruptly changes plans without telling them. Instead of a week in a tropical paradise, they're going on a road trip to Colorado in an RV.

Dragging his wife and kids kicking and screaming into the RV, Bob's togetherness plan (which is partly a ruse to keep him from losing his job) immediately hits nothing but speed bumps. Almost everything that can go wrong, does. Bob's lame attempts to navigate the unwieldy, oversized vehicle are met with silence and scorn from his resentful family. The RV life is a far cry from their comfortable life

in Los Angeles and every attempt Bob makes to get them into the spirit of the vacation threatens to tear them further apart.

At an RV camp, the Gornicke family, an irritatingly endearing happy-go-lucky clan of fulltime RVers, befriends the Munro family. The more the Munros try to elude the Gornickes, the more their paths seem destined to cross. But adversity has a way of uniting even the most dysfunctional family members, and each setback the Munros experience inadvertently helps them to become a true family again.

Use the activities in this booklet before, or just after, seeing *RV*. Maybe, just maybe, you can avoid the adversity the Munros experienced, but still be a true family!



MAD LIBS

Everyone can laugh when you play this great game. Finish the story by inserting your own words (nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.) into the appropriate slots. Don't read the story first; just have your family give you the words to use.

In case you've forgotten your grammar, here's a quick review:

- A **NOUN** is a person, place or thing. (policeman, restaurant, raccoon)
- An **ADJECTIVE** describes something or somebody. (dark, big, slimy)
- A **VERB** is an action word. (run, jump)
- An **ADVERB** tells how something is done. (badly, quickly, sloppily)
- An **EXCLAMATION** is a sudden outburst, such as "Wow!", "Oh no!", or "Whoopee!"



A sound came from the _____,
noun
 an unfamiliar, and yet _____
adjective
 sound. "Go _____ what it is,"
verb
 said _____.
mom's name dad's name
 wasn't so keen to _____, but
verb
 everyone else _____ed him, so
verb
 he _____ stepped into the
adverb
 _____. Suddenly, he came
noun
 _____ing back out. "exclamation!"
verb
 They're _____s!
animal
 They're _____', _____',
adjective adjective
 and _____s!"
adjective animal
 "DO something!" _____ shouted,
sister's name
 as she turned and _____.
past tense verb
 _____ looked at _____
dad's name brother's name
 and asked, "Should we _____?"
verb
 _____ replied, "Let's use the
brother's name
 _____!" But, they used the _____,
noun noun
 and the _____s were completely
animal
 _____. So, _____,
adjective dad's name
 _____', _____
mom's name sister's name
 and _____ had to make
brother's name
 do with _____ing to a
verb
 _____. But, they laughed
noun
 and _____ed and had a
verb
 _____ time!
adjective

BOARD GAME

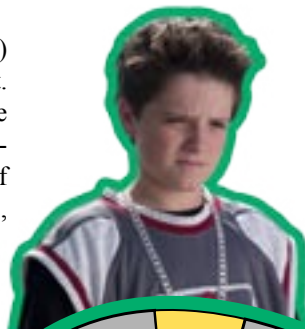
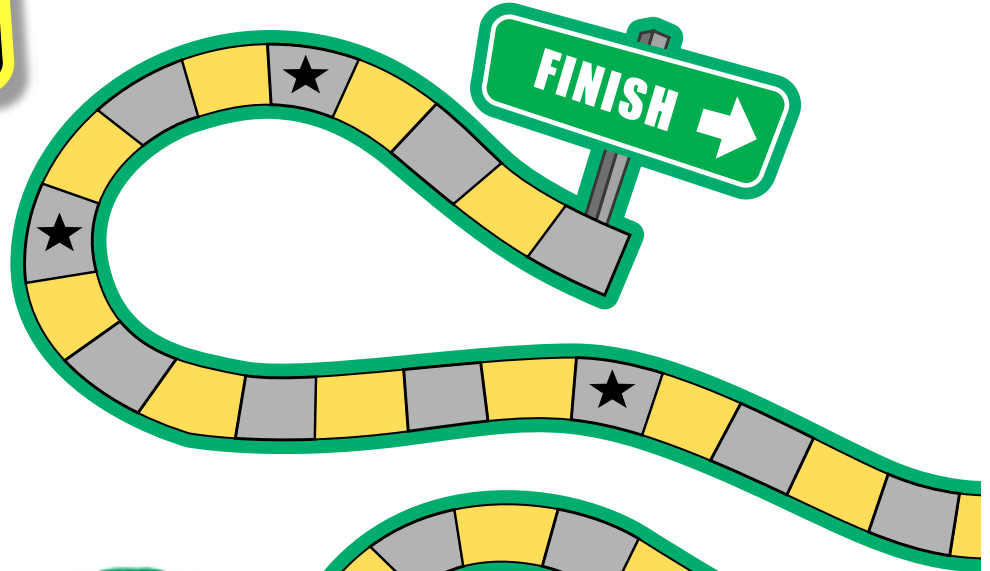
You'll need a "marker" for each person (a coin or something similar), and some dice. You'll also want to print these two pages out and tape them together. (There's a little overlap to help you out.) Plus, print out the "cards" on the following page, and place them in the marked area.

Roll a single dice (a "die") to determine who goes first. Then, each player rolls the die and moves their marker the appropriate number of spaces. If you land on a "red dot" space, you must comply with the instructions of that space.

If you land on a star space, you must draw a card, read it aloud, and do what it says.

You can take the shortcuts, but they're dangerous!

The first player to land on the "Finish" space wins. You must roll the exact number to land you on "Finish." If you roll too high a number, you can't move.



CRUISE CONTROL

Move ahead 5 (five) spaces.



SMALL TIME

Lose at basketball. Go back to LONELY.



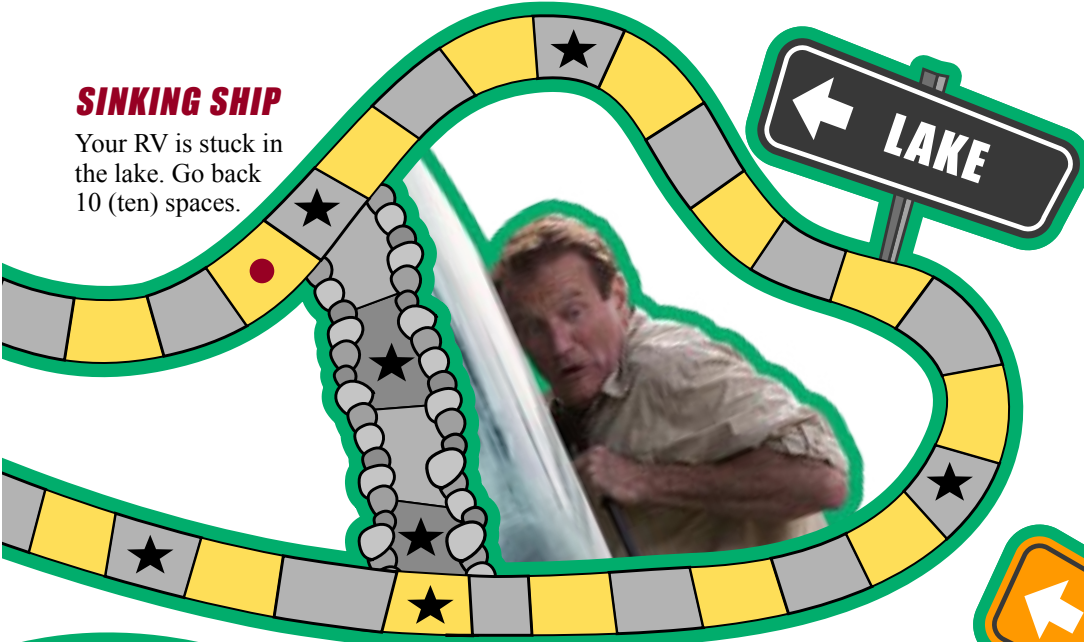
FULL TANK

Fill up at the gas pump. Move ahead 6 (six) spaces.

~ Place Cards Here ~

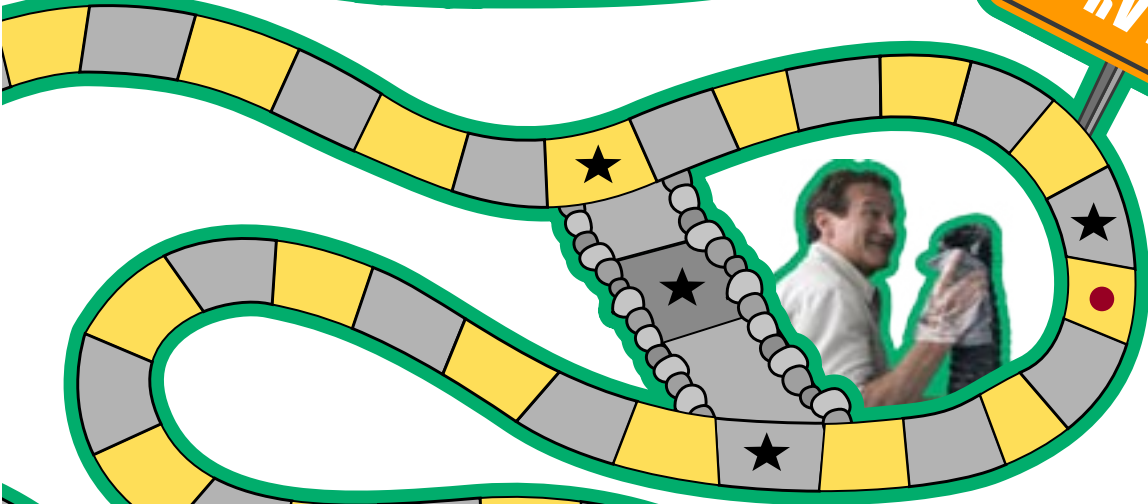
SINKING SHIP

Your RV is stuck in the lake. Go back 10 (ten) spaces.



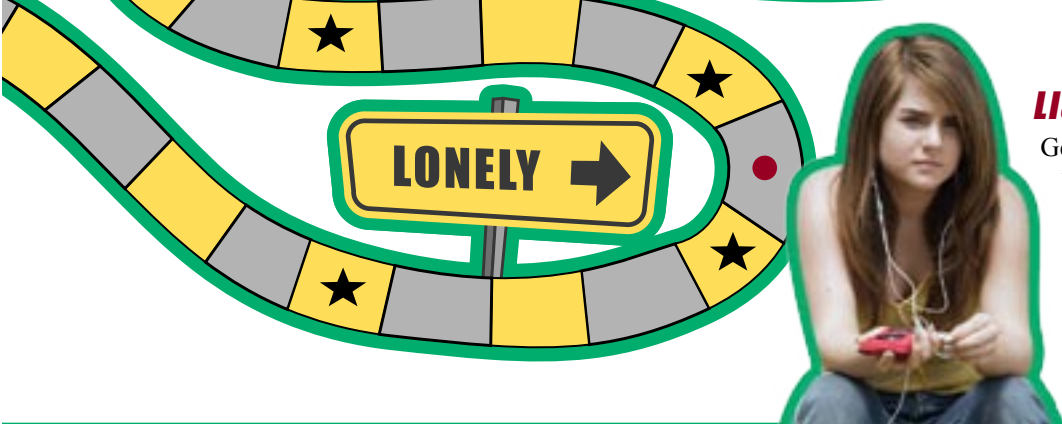
SEPTIC STINK

Your septic tank is full. Lose 1 (one) turn to clean it out.



LISTENING ALONE

Get stuck listening to music alone. Go back to start.



GAME CARDS

Cut out these cards to use for the board game on the previous pages. If you haven't seen *RV* by the time you play this game, don't worry. These cards will all make sense when you do see the movie!

<p>Tell the player seated to your right one thing about them that you admire.</p>	<p>You try to be sneaky and get work done while on vacation, but lose your laptop computer. Go back five spaces.</p>	<p>You are such a good driver that you avoid all the shopping carts in the grocery store parking lot. Roll again.</p>
<p>Trade places on the board with the next youngest player.</p>	<p>Tell a joke. Any joke. Don't read the rest of the card until you've told your joke. Now that everyone's laughing, you can skip ahead three spaces.</p>	<p>If you have a cell phone handy, guess how many bars are showing on the display. If you're correct, roll again. If you're wrong, move back one space for each bar you were off by.</p>
<p>Tell about the funniest event you've ever experienced on a vacation.</p>	<p>You have to drain the sewage from your RV, but you don't know how. Go back three spaces.</p>	<p>Bob's wife tells him, "You mean more to me than a paycheck." What would you say to the dad of your family? Say it, and then move ahead SIX spaces!</p>
<p>Choose another player, and the two of you sing a song to the other players.</p>	<p>You try to take your RV over the four-wheel-drive-only Diablo Pass, and get stuck. Go back four spaces.</p>	<p>You forget to put in the wheel chocks on your RV. Go back three spaces.</p>
<p>Hungry? Go get something to eat -- but make sure all the other players get some before you do.</p>	<p>Get a plastic trash bag, and "wear" it like a poncho for the rest of the game. Move three spaces back.</p>	<p>Everyone has their favorite style of music. Try to identify each of the other player's favorite styles. Move forward one space for each style you guessed correctly.</p>
<p>You were in such a hurry that you drove your RV away from the gas station with the hose still attached to your vehicle. Go back four spaces.</p>	<p>Raccoons have invaded your RV, and the stink bomb you used to get rid of them lasts much longer than you planned. Lose one turn.</p>	<p>Describe your ideal family vacation. Roll again if your family has ever taken such a vacation. Go back 2 spaces if they haven't.</p>

I SPY

Playing family games is one reason that the Gornickes are so close. To play *I Spy*, put each player's name into the score chart below. Each time a player spots one of the items on the list, mark it down. Only the first player to spot an item gets credit.

Players Names >			
<i>RV</i>			
<i>Windshield Dice</i>			
<i>Movie Theater</i>			
<i>Roadkill</i>			
<i>Texas License Plate</i>			
<i>Bald Trucker</i>			
<i>Woman Wearing a Hat</i>			
<i>American Flag</i>			
<i>Raccoon</i>			
<i>California License Plate</i>			
<i>Bumper Sticker</i>			
<i>Policeman</i>			
Final Score >			

ALTERNATE VERSION:

Another way to play this game is to have one player make up a list of items to find. The other players have a certain amount of time in which they can find those items. Once your time has expired, the player with the most points wins!



TRASHBAG RELAY

You'll likely get a little wet in this game – but it will be a lot of fun, and will help build family togetherness and memories.

You'll need plastic trash bags for each member of the family. In *RV*, the Munro family wore large orange trash bags during a downpour of rain. You won't have to experience a cloudburst in this game, but you WILL interact with water!

The objective of this is to work as a pair to fill a cup with water from an outdoor water faucet. Place the cup ten or more yards away from the faucet. Using just your hands, transfer the water from the faucet to the cup.

But there's a hitch. The water cannot go directly from faucet to hands to container. It has to be passed to at least one other person! Work in pairs – depending on the size of your family, someone may have to play twice. Have one person from the other pair as the timer. Fastest pair to fill their cup wins.



DEVOTIONAL

RV is a film with a message: *family is important*. In our hurry-up world we too easily find ourselves pursuing our own desires, building our own lives, and working hard to please ourselves. Such attitudes tear down the love and unity that we want for our families. **Ephesians 5:21-6:3** gives clear instructions to families. It begins with a command for everyone in the family, and then gets more specific:

²¹ *Out of respect for Christ, be courteously reverent to one another.*

²² *Wives, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ.*

²⁵ *Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting.*

¹ *Children, do what your parents tell you. This is only right.* ² *“Honor your father and mother” is the first commandment that has a promise attached to it, namely,* ³ *“so you will live well and have a long life.”*

Have a discussion around the dinner table using this Scripture as your starting point. Talk about how you can show “courteous reverence” to each other. Discuss the various strengths each family member brings to this issue. Think through the ways that your family does these things well, and maybe identify one or two weak areas that need extra attention. Make sure you finish your discussion by praying for each other!