

Tag Game for Kids

If you're looking for a fun beach game to play with your child, why not try Sun Tag? This is not your ordinary game of tag--this game will challenge your child to move around in a small amount of space! Draw a circle in the sand where the players will stand, and the Sun (or "it") will try to catch them without stepping foot in the circle. It's a great way to keep active at the beach, and the whole family can join in on the fun!

What You Need:

- At least two players
- A stick, or something to draw a circle in the sand with

What to Do:

1. Use the stick to draw a circle in the sand about five steps across.
The steps should be by someone who is average height so that the circle isn't too big or too small.
2. Pick one person to be the sun (or "it") and all other players get to be moons.
3. Moons go inside the circle, and the sun must stay out of it.
4. The sun runs around the circle trying to tag the moons inside. The sun can lean into the circle as long as her feet stay outside.
5. When a moon is caught, the sun joins the circle as a moon and the caught player becomes the new sun.

Variation for bigger groups:

1. Draw three circles in the sand, all about 5 feet from each other. Make each circle between 3 and 4 steps across.
2. Choose one player to be the sun.
3. The rest of the players divide in half between two circles, leaving one empty.
4. The sun runs between the circles, trying to tag the moons without stepping into the circles.
5. Moons can jump from one circle to the next, trying to find one that is the least crowded.
6. If caught in or out of the circle, the moon joins the sun and tries to catch the other moons. Play until there is only one moon left standing--she's the winner!

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