

Family Guide



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Museum of Art

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We love having children and their families experience our museum!

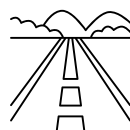
Serious, silly, or just plain yourself, there's no wrong way to visit the museum.

Here are a few ideas for an engaging visit:



Detective Work: Spend 30 seconds noticing everything in a work of art before reading the label. Share what you see – tell a story about what you think is going on and why you feel that way. *How are your stories similar and different?*

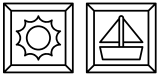
Take a Trip: Imagine if you could step inside the scene of an artwork. *What do you imagine you might hear? Smell? Feel? Taste? What creatures might live there?*



Pretend Play: Find an artwork with lots of people or animals. Pose like someone - or something! - in the artwork and have a friend guess what you are.

Re-title: Spend time looking and talking about an artwork. Then, invent a whole new title for it. *Why does your title work?*





Neighbors: Pick two artworks that are next to each other. Now, imagine they are alive. *Do you think they like each other? Could they be in the same family? What do they talk about when no one is watching?*

Sound: *What if the artwork made sound? What sounds would it make?*



Taste: Imagine you could eat art (but remember no touching the art!) Find one you think would be fun to eat. *What would it taste like? Would it be crunchy, juicy, chewy, or soft? Sweet, sour, or salty? How or where would you eat it?*

Explore Around the Art: Artists love to look long and hard at things. When you're in the museum don't forget to look up, down, and around to notice everything. You might be surprised!



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Cover: Young visitor interacts with Lauren Halsey's *The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.* (2020). Gift of the Scantland Collection.

Practical Tips

We are here to help; anyone with a green nametag can answer questions and assist you.

Here is some general information:

- **The Welcome Desk** offers strollers and accessibility resources including fidgets, noise-canceling headphones, a social story, and more.
- **The Comfort Room** is a calming, multi-purpose space near the restrooms in the Center for Creativity. You will find an armchair, changing table, picture books, and other features there.
- **The Sculpture Garden** is available for visitors who need to move more freely and release energy. No climbing, please.
- **The JPMorgan Chase Center for Creativity** has the highest concentration of hands-on activities, but there are more located throughout the museum. If you aren't sure whether something is an activity (to touch) or an artwork (not to touch) look for a label or ask a museum employee.



If there is anything we can do to help you have a great visit, please let us know!

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