

2011 SUMMER TOY REVIEW

It's Toy Time!

Here's our kid-tested toy review of summer's newest toys and games for indoor and outdoor fun. 📍 Head to SanDiegofamily.com and enter our Big Toy Giveaway to win selected toys with this icon 🏆 and read many more reviews!

Looking for great game and craft ideas? Stay tuned for reviews of the coolest family games, plus things to make and do, in our July issue.



Pharaoh's Quest Flying Mummy Attack \$19.99; 7+ years

PharaohsQuest.Lego.com

Help adventurer Jake Raines defeat the flying mummies and capture Pharaoh Amset-Ra's Soul Diamond from the obelisk! Visit the website for games, quizzes, videos and fun in the Hero's Lounge.

Kellan, 7, liked the evil mummies and cool airplane in this "build it yourself" set.



Sand Truck 4-in-1

\$14.99; 3+
WildDill.com

It's a truck, shovel, rake and bucket all in one! This eco-friendly vehicle is made from "Sprigwood," a durable, kid-safe material made from reclaimed wood and recycled plastic.

Beckie says this quality toy will last for generations. Jack, 2, says, "I love my new truck!"



Tarantula Planet

\$14.99; 5+ years
UncleMilton.com

Just clap to make this spider's eyes light up and send it scurrying across any flat, smooth surface. David, 7, says, "Super fun to play with and scare my family!"



LittleBigPlanet 2
\$59.99; E for Everyone
LittleBigPlanet.com

This brand new story mode provides a beautifully reshaped world for Sackboy to explore and play. Each story level is influenced by cultural high points in history and is visually stunning. Players can even create their own levels.

Adam, 10, likes to play with his PlayStation Move camera and put himself in the game with Sackboy.



Freeze Ball

\$14.99; 6+
ShopWildPlanet.com

Throw, run, dodge or catch—despite its name, Freeze Ball is not a game about standing still. Players wear numbered wristbands then toss the soft, colorful six-sided ball. If your number is rolled, grab the ball and yell “freeze”, then throw it to the closest player. Mom Linda says her kids loved this surprisingly simple game. Tyler, 7, likes to earn bands by getting his brother out.

Guess How I Feel?

\$26.99; 3+
FunandFunction.com

How do you feel when you ride a rollercoaster... get ice cream...see fighting...say goodbye? Guess each player's reaction—and have fun sharing yours! Choose from 50 situations, each illustrated with vivid photographs so no reading skills are needed. Players develop skills in self-expression and empathy, and have fun getting to know each other.



Teacher Grace likes this well made product geared towards children that can draw what they feel. Adrian, 5, likes the guess bag with colored bands he earns when he guesses right.



Teach My Preschooler
\$49.99; 3-6 years
TeachMy.com

This all-in-one learning kit for preschoolers is divided into four sections; Ready to Read, Ready to Print, Ready for 1-100 and Ready for Math. Each section has coordinated books, flashcards, posters, a print guide and a magic drawing board. It is designed to give preschoolers a head start, develop fine motor skills, encourage parent/child interaction and increase school readiness skills. Mom Michele says it is very educational and super fun to use while her preschooler learns.

