



## Virtual Talent Show

Play Dates from a Distance

**Goal:** Set a date for friends and family to gather over video chat for a virtual celebration and sharing of everyone's talents!

**[Tip]:** Whatever your passions or interests may be, share your love of dancing, singing, arts and crafts, sports, science experiments, gardening, or cooking (to name a few ideas). You may even inspire someone to try something new!

**Why is this important?** If your home has a reliable internet connection, virtual play dates on free video chat apps are a fun way to stay connected and practice social skills with friends and family who live out of town.

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