



**Long Activity**  
**Ages 0–3**  
**30–45 minutes**

## **Stone Soup Activity**

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### **Description**

The stone soup activity consists of three parts:

- reading the story “Stone Soup”
  - it can be borrowed from a local library or the CELA library (<https://celalibrary.ca/>)
- matching card game
- I Have, Who Has game

### **Number of Participants**

For a minimum of two participants

### **Space Considerations**

Any indoor space where participants can play card games, either with tables and chairs or on the ground

### **Competencies**

- Classification skills
- Eye-hand coordination
- Memory
- Oral communication skills
- Working collaboratively

### **Materials**

- Card stock (for preparation only)
- Scissors (for preparation only) (adult use only)
- Stone soup book, audiobook or e-audiobook
- Several versions of “Stone Soup” for display
- Stone soup matching cards (24 cards)
- Stone soup I Have, Who Has cards (12 cards)

## Preparation

- Print out game cards on card stock (according to how many groups you will have)
  - Consider having one or two extra sets on hand if possible
- Cut out game cards
- Give each group a deck of the game cards

## Implementation

### Reading the Story

Read "Stone Soup," which can be borrowed from a local library or the CELA library (<https://celalibrary.ca/>). There are various versions, and any will do.

Alternatively, you can use an audiobook or an e-audiobook and have the same hard-copy versions available for participants to follow along.

Explain that every stone soup recipe is different before playing the games.

### How to Play Matching Card Game

**Goal:** Match all of the cards together as a team by taking turns. You can divide participants into smaller groups and give each group a deck of matching cards.

**Note:** There are 24 cards in total, but you can use fewer cards as long as you have two of each image in play. For example, you can use 12 cards instead.

1. Ensure that each card has a duplicate in your deck, regardless of how many cards the participants play with
2. Mix cards together face down
3. Place cards on the table or the ground face down in a few rows and columns: for 24 cards, 4 rows of 6; for 12 cards, 4 rows of 3
4. Player 1 starts by turning over two cards
  - If they match, Player 1 puts the cards aside and turns over another two cards
  - If they do not match, both cards get turned over again in the same place, and Player 2 turns over two cards
  - A player may turn over a card in play that a previous player has turned over
5. Play ends when all cards have been matched

### How to Play I Have, Who Has Game

**Goal:** Put all 12 cards in logical order. All cards must be played in this game. You can divide participants into smaller groups and give each group a deck of I Have, Who Has cards.

1. Mix all 12 cards together face down
2. Give players cards
3. The order of play is determined by the cards
4. Player 1 will read out "I have a fire, who has a pot" card and place it down
5. Player 2 will read out "I have a pot, who has water" card and place it down
6. Player 3 will go next, and so on until the last card with an empty bowl is read

## **Accessibility Considerations**

- Cards will have both images and large text
- Use glue to outline images on the card, to make it more tactile

### **Matching Card Game**

- A participant with a disability may:
  - point at a card or identify the card (for example, Row 1, Card 3) and have a partner turn it over
  - pick up and show their card, and a partner may read it out aloud

### **I Have, Who Has Game**

- Use toys or props with the cards:
  - If you have a toy kitchen or food set, you can use these for the I Have, Who Has game with the cards to make it more tactile
  - You can also create your own props using foam, felt, clay or other materials
    - ✚ Set items in the centre, and players will read their cards and reach for the item they have, holding it up for others to see
- A participant with a disability may:
  - work with a partner who can read the I Have, Who Has cards aloud
  - work with a partner who may also assist in holding the card up

## Book Suggestions

*Journey of the Midnight Sun* by Shazia Afzal and Aliya Ghare

*Meg and Greg: The Bake Sale* by Elspeth Rae, Rowena Rae and Elisa Gutiérrez

*Out Into the Big Wide Lake* by Paul Harbridge and Josée Bisailon

## Download Links

[How to play stone soup card games PDF](#) (2 pages)

[Stone soup matching game cards PDF](#) (24 cards, 4 pages)

[I Have, Who Has game cards PDF](#) (12 cards, 3 pages)

## Images

Game card samples: full sets in download links

STONE SOUP MATCHING CARD GAME



I HAVE, WHO HAS GAME

