

# 7 Ways Science Is For Everyone - Even Dads



By a show of hands, “Who is intimidated by the kids’ science homework?” And, “Who thinks science is boring?” Looks like just about everyone. But science can actually be fun for you and your kids too. Mostly the issue is perception. We all make the mistake of thinking fun means we’re not learning. Science tries so hard to look serious, we forget how cool the world is and how much fun it is to learn.

Science isn’t just facts, it’s the exciting story about how stuff works. When dads learn with their kids it’s good for grades and the relationship too. Here are a few ways science could be just what you need to bond with your child and boost his/her academic career.

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## **Kids are natural explorers:**

For kids, curiosity drives both fun and learning. Science feeds their need for answers and experiences. It’s really no different for dad.

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## **Science is better than a smart phone!**

Observing and describing the world around us is more fun than gazing into a screen. Kids are hard-wired for discovery, and dads are well equipped to be guides. It’s a win-win combination.

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## **Everything is a story:**

Science educator Tyler DeWitt insists a virus is really a secret agent. Doesn’t that make you curious? When we let the facts tell their story it’s much easier to learn the science.

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## **A little research can go a long way:**

Fifteen minutes of research can easily translate into wide-eyed wonder from your child plus increased interest in learning.

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## **Your enthusiasm may be their ticket to college:**

Research proves children mirror their parents’ enthusiasm for learning and discovery. You don’t have to force kids’ interest when you already are.

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## **You know you’ve always wanted to blow something up!**

Or at least make a plastic bottle rocket? Duct tape, paper towels, baking soda, and vinegar equals science you can really see. Just a little prep and dad can work science magic. Plastic bottle rockets, volcanoes, egg-sucking vacuums, Mentos and Pepsi – the list goes on.

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## **Once kids start to connect the dots, anything is possible:**

Your interest and enthusiasm get the ball rolling. Once the secret’s out that science is fun.