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4

Word Solution to Planning the

**BEST BIRTHDAY  
PARTY**

For Your

**Child Ever!**



Planning a birthday party for your child can be a lot of fun—or very stressful—depending on how you do it. Most parents want a party that will be special and memorable for your child—without all the stress. The 4-word solution I'm offering in this report is "stay within your budget." This is the most sound advice I can give any parent who's planning a birthday party and will save you a ton of headaches and stress—as well as money! In this special report, I'll be showing you 5 ways to stay within your budget and still have an amazing party for your child that they'll remember for a lifetime.

But before we get into that, there are some things you need to consider at the outset...

## Decide on Your Budget

Before you do anything else, the first thing to consider is what you actually want to spend overall on the party. Remember that a successful party isn't measured by the amount you spend. You can actually plan a party on a shoestring and make it memorable. Setting a realistic budget will make it easier to make smarter decisions regarding planning.

## Scheduling the Party

This is important. First of all, make sure you pick a party date at least 4-6 weeks ahead of time. And instead of choosing a Saturday morning or afternoon when there are soccer games, or other activities going on, try a Sunday afternoon or maybe a time after school during the week. Having the party on an off day and time can increase the number of RSVP's you'll receive.

## Guest List

Your guest list should be carefully considered. Remember that not everyone who's sent an invite will show up for the party. Typically, 20% of invitees can't make it for most parties. This 20% rule is pretty standard for weddings and birthday parties. And bear in mind that every guest you invite will cost money.



Ok, now that you know what you want to spend, you've got a date on the calendar and know how many guests you want to invite, here are 5 areas to consider to stay within your budget when planning the party....

## 01 Food and Beverages—Keep it Simple

When it comes to food and drinks at a birthday party, kids aren't fussy. This isn't the time to try out a fancy new dish or get crazy with cooking and baking. Pizza from a local pizza shop, fruit and juice boxes and water are all good bets. To keep the cost down, you can always make the food yourself.

## 02 Goody Bags

These are always a hit. And you can put just about anything in them. You don't need to go overboard on this. A few items and trinkets from the Dollar Store are fine. Kids just want something to take home with them.

## 03 Entertainment

You'll need to entertain the kids one way or another for a 2-3 hour party. You can do this by having the party at a venue like Chucky Cheese or maybe an arcade. One advantage to this is that the food and drinks are taken care of by the venue and you don't have to do clean-up at your home afterward. If you're holding the party in your home, hiring a magician or clown to do a show is always a good idea. Having a live entertainer for your child's party will make him or her look like a star to their friends.

## 04 Party Decorations

You may be a party-planner who loves to decorate. Or you may not. If you choose to have a home party and want decorations, your local party store can accommodate you, usually fairly reasonably. You don't need to go overboard here either. If you're a crafty type, you can even make some of your own decorations.



## 05 Activities

I've seen everything from bounce houses , to pony rides, to musical chairs, to having a simple piñata filled with candy made for birthday parties. You don't need to fill every minute with something, but consider the time other than singing happy birthday, eating cake, magic show, opening presents, etc., that needs to be filled and then plan accordingly

The five things above are all under your control when it comes to panning your party. And there are varying options and prices on all of the above-mentioned items. This makes it easier to stay within your budget.

You don't need to hire a band or get extravagant with food and decorations to have an awesome party for your child. The tips above will give you some ideas to consider when planning your party— and not break the bank doing it.



Good luck!

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