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Construction Toys

Are your kids bored with LEGOs? Jawbones, produced by the Burlingame-based Be Good Company, offers 215 pieces of construction joy for kids ages 7 and older. Parts swivel, ratchet and snap together in countless ways. \$39.99. begoodcompany.com.

– M.S.

A Wiggles Alternative

Introduce your children to classical music with *Frogs and Friends*, the new CD from the Bay Area's Bellavente Wind Quintet. With spoken-word stories set to music, lively tunes and even a clever variation on "Happy Birthday," this CD makes classical accessible. The members, who live throughout the Bay Area, also perform regularly at schools and family concerts through the San Francisco Symphony Adventures in Music program. \$12. bellavente.com.

– J.D.

Talking With Teens

Need a little help getting your teen or preteen to open up? The Fair-Share Game, developed by Milpitas marriage and family therapist Patt Saso, offers 80 thought-provoking question cards meant to spark dialogue with youth ages 10 and up. Questions such as "What is your favorite book and why?" and "How do you express your anger? Is it helpful?" can be asked in the car, at bedtime or around the table. Bay Area Parent readers can download and print the cards for FREE through April 2 with coupon code FREEF-SGAME at parentingteensjustgoteasier.com.

– A.G.

Wholesome Snacks

Talk about snacking satisfaction. Dip'ems, from San Francisco-based Giddy, are whole-wheat biscuits that can be dunked in a variety of tasty real fruit dips that are all-natural and contain calcium, but no high-fructose corn syrup,

artificial flavors, colors or preservatives. \$3.99 for a package of four at local markets and [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). [giddysnacks.com](https://www.giddysnacks.com).
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