



## Peaceable Kingdom: Teaching Cooperative Play Through Games

Graham is at an age where he is starting to understand games and enjoy playing them. The only problem we have is the "winning" part. I know that developmentally he is at an age where it is hard to understand winning and losing and what all it means exactly. That is why I really love what [Peaceable Kingdom](#) is doing with their games. They are creating [cooperative play](#) that is perfect for preschoolers. No wonder they won a Parents' Choice Silver Honor as well as Major Fun Award for Hoot Owl Hoot!



We were sent Hoot Owl Hoot and Count Your Chickens for review and Graham has really caught onto the concept of the games. I will admit that it takes some time to focus him and remind him of how the game is played each time, but he gets the hang of it as soon as we start the game.

In [Hoot Owl Hoot](#) the object is to get the baby owl's into the nest before the sun comes out. Each player draws cards and takes turns making moves. Players are encouraged to help each other come up with the best way to get the owl's to the nest the quickest. This is a great way to enhance color learning and counting.

back in. Use the spinner to determine how many spaces you go (depending upon what animal it lands on). However many spaces you go, you place that many chicks in the coop. Be careful! If you land on a fox you have to take a chick out of the coop. Players work together in order to get the chicks safely home. Great for learning counting!

[Count Your Chickens](#) works in a similar way. The baby chicks are out of the coop and the goal is to get them all

In a day and age of it being all about numero uno, I am glad to see that there are still companies out there who are trying to foster working together when it counts the most! The preschool and early elementary years are so important for encouraging the idea that working together and collaboration beats out winning and losing. Don't get me wrong. I believe that children need to learn the concept of not always winning, but I believe teaching cooperation is just as important.

You can purchase the [Peaceable Kingdom games](#) online through Amazon for about \$14.99. Definitely affordable and an excellent birthday gift idea. Make sure to "like" them on [Facebook](#) to keep up with the latest news.

