

The Talking Walnut

WE'RE NUTS ABOUT KIDS...AND ALL THEIR STUFF!

potluck party

When it comes to playing board games, my 7-year-old can be a sore loser. Blame it on an ultra competitive spirit that's been cultivated over the years, or maybe it's just plain bad sportsmanship (I don't like being last either). Nevertheless, I miss the days of playing games like CandyLand when my daughter was content to land on any edible treat, even if it set her back 10 paces.

Instead, there should be more games like the new assortment from Peaceable Kingdom that focuses more on cooperative game playing than who gets to the finish line first. One of the games in the line, [Stone Soup](#), is a great way to encourage team building at a young age. Players

must work together to cook a pretend soup by making matches of all the ingredients. Easier said than done, though; they must accomplish their task before the fire under the kettle burns out. To make this soup even more delectable, there's one magic stone card in the deck that can keep that fire from going out...but everyone must be in agreement as to when they'll use the card. Talk about team work! Aimed at ages 5 and up, Stone Soup is one satisfying meal that's worth the wait.



In a Nutshell: Tired of hearing “no fair” when the game just doesn't go your child's way? With Stone Soup, too many cooks don't spoil the broth, but rather are just the right number of ingredients for a fun time for all.