

Sarah and I have found it extremely helpful to share a meal and play games with others during this time of isolation. We've set up times to "eat together" over Zoom and then play games together after we eat. It's been a huge blessing! So, here are the ways we do just that! We pray that you would use technology to connect with others in order to fight isolation, because we ALL need human contact, community, and relationships.



### **Best screen use options:**

- ◆ **Zoom:** ([www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us))
  - Free to use on any screen or tablet; free version allows 40 minutes; just need to sign up for an account; Zoom allows for a "grid-like" view so if you want to connect with multiple families or people, they each have a box.
    - There have been trolls posting inappropriate material, so we strongly urge each video chat meeting to incorporate a password!
    - The one negative to Zoom is that it has a steep learning curve; it takes time to become proficient.
- ◆ **FaceTime:**
  - Free app to use on any apple device—iPhone, iPad, MacBook; no time limit like Zoom; supposedly you can video call up to 32 people at once; you can also record FaceTime video; comes downloaded on every iPhone.
- ◆ **Skype** (<https://www.skype.com/en/>) and **Google Hangouts** (<https://hangouts.google.com/>):
  - Free to use on any Mac or Android device and computer (must use Google Chrome); you can also message and make phone calls; no time limit like Zoom.



### **Game options to utilize for video chat:**

**Qwixx:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8I4WWBXmpQ>

**Code Names:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQVHkl8oQEU>

**Ticket to Ride:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPGLlaGrShY>

**Charades:** <https://childhood101.com/play-charades/>

**Pictionary:** <https://www.ultraboardgames.com/pictionary/game-rules.php>

**Life:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhAZZPIqvQg>

**Up and Down the River (or Creek):** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XO-wxomkv0c>

**Monopoly:** You know how to play monopoly. :)



It takes some creativity to use these during a video call, but you can make it happen!



I hope these game ideas will work for you. If you've done other creative things over a screen, let me know!