



INTRODUCTION AND PARTY INVITATIONS

I Love You, You Love Me... and so the famous Barney™ song goes. For small children, Barney, the large lovable purple dinosaur, is a favorite friend who spends time with children sharing love and imagining stories. Kids will love to have a Barney-themed party based on this character with all of their friends.

Create a **Purple Puzzle Invitation**. Use heavy purple cardstock and write your Barney party details on the paper in the shape of Barney. Cut your invitation into puzzle pieces, and place them into a mailing tube. Your party guests will need to assemble the invitation to learn the details.

Alternatively, draw and cut out egg shapes from white or purple paper. Photocopy and glue a picture of Barney in the middle. Write your party details on one side of the egg and have your birthday child decorate the other side with craft materials.

DECORATIONS

Hang Barney posters near the front entrance and on the party walls.

Cut out large Barney footprints out of purple construction paper and place them on the walkway leading to your front door.

Play Barney party music in the background.

Use purple, green, and yellow balloons and streamers.

Go to an appliance store and ask for a large box—often they will give old boxes to you free of charge. Make this large box look like a tree:

- Cut a door in the bottom so the kids can go inside the tree house.
- Have posters, plush, and Barney toys all around the tree.
- Make a big sun out of yellow poster board and suspend it above the tree using fish wire.



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Create a festive *Barney* party table with a purple tablecloth, and alternating purple, green, and yellow for your tableware. Place a large *Barney* plush in the center of your table and attach purple and green balloons to him for added festivity. Scatter purple, green, and yellow crayons around the party table for the kids to color with as a table activity.

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

Hold a **Dinosaur Egg Hunt**. Hide purple, green, and yellow plastic eggs and provide *Barney* Bags in purple, green and yellow for guests to use to collect their eggs.

Play **Pin the Heart on Barney**. Use a large purple poster board and cut out a purple dino. Similarly, cut out a large red heart. Have the kids Pin the Heart on *Barney* as you would play Pin the Tail on the Donkey.

Find Barney's Spots. Cut out large and small purple spots and hide them around the party room and outdoors. The kids must find as many spots as they can within a 5 minute time frame.

Play ***Barney* May I**. Have one child be *Barney*. Have the other children take turns asking, *Barney* May I followed by a certain number of steps. The first child to get to *Barney* is the next *Barney*.

Play ***Barney* Says** like Simon Says.

Play ***Barney* Musical Chairs**, like **Musical Chairs**, played to *Barney* Music. If you would prefer not to use chairs, cut out purple dino footprints and place on the floor for the kids to hop from footprints while the music is playing. Remove a footprint each time a new round of music begins.

***Barney* Train**. Put on *Barney* party music. Form a human train and have them dance to the music as they move around the party area. Encourage the leader to make various kinds of moves (hopping, jumping, rolling, twirling, etc.) as the rest of the group follows.

***Barney* Name Game**. Say the name of one of the guests and perform a physical motion that you associate with that name. For example, yell Susan and jump forward in a pouncing motion. Then the person to the left repeats this motion and the next person and the next until it gets to the person named, Susan. Susan picks someone else's name and performs a different motion and the new motion is repeated until the name ripple gets to the person named. Keep doing this until everyone is named.

PARTY MENU

Using a heart-shaped cookie cutter, make heart-shaped sandwiches and fill with cream



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cheese and grape jam.

Barney Goodies. Using a dinosaur cookie cutter, cut out cheese slices, fruits, cookies, and brownies to make the treats thematic.

Serve a **Fruit Sun.** Place a pineapple ring in the center of a dish and arrange sliced oranges and peaches around it like the rays of the sun. Use raspberries to make a smile and blueberries for the eyes.

Make a large sheet cake and decorate with large green icing spots. Alternatively, make chocolate cupcakes and top off with purple and green frosting.

PARTY FAVORS

Send the kids home with the eggs that they collected in their *Barney Bags* and *Purple Poppers*. To make your *Poppers*, use cardboard tubes and place small *Barney* toys inside and wrap the tube in purple tissue paper and tie off with a yellow ribbon.

Don't forget to send a *Barney* thank you saying *I Love You* and thanks for attending your party.



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