

Great Family Night Ideas!

1. Listen to classical music, lights off, lying on the floor, and take turns saying what it sounds like
2. Have a reading marathon.
3. Write stories together.
4. Play soccer.
5. Paint or draw together.
6. Create a fort in your living room out of blankets or cardboard boxes.
7. Go on a hike.
8. Have a sunset picnic at a park or beach.
9. Play board games.
10. Play kickball.
11. Get up early, pack breakfast, and have a sunrise breakfast.
12. Go to a museum.
13. Go to a playground.
14. Play hide-and-seek.
15. Have a pillow fight.
16. Ride bikes.
17. Build sandcastles.
18. Rent a dvd and make popcorn.
19. Tell stories.
20. Have a scavenger hunt.
21. Make mazes or puzzles for each other to solve.
22. Play card games.
23. Garden together.
24. Bake cookies.
25. Go to the zoo.
26. Go to the library.
27. Shop at a thrift shop.
28. Create a blog together.
29. Create a scrapbook.
30. Make a movie using a video camera and computer.
31. Learn to play music.
32. Fingerpaint.
33. Make play dough from scratch.
34. Make homemade mini pizzas.
35. Buy popsicles.
36. Make hand-painted T-shirts.
37. Set up a hammock, make lemonade, relax.
38. Go to a pool.

39. Go to a public place, people watch, and create imaginary stories about people.
40. Visit family.
41. Write letters to family.
42. Paint or decorate the kids' room.
43. Make milkshakes.
44. Play freeze tag.
45. Create a treasure hunt for them (leaving clues around the house or yard).
46. Decorate a pair of jeans.
47. Do a science experiment.
48. Play games online.
49. Teach them to play chess.
50. Create a family book, with information and pictures about each family member.
51. Fly kites.
52. Barbecue.
53. Volunteer.
54. Donate stuff to charity.
55. Compete in a three-legged or other race.
56. Create an obstacle course.
57. Pitch a tent and sleep outside.
58. Roast marshmallows.
59. Play loud music and dance crazy.
60. Write and produce a play (to perform before other family members).
61. Paint each other's faces.
62. Have a water balloon fight.
63. Have a gun-fight with those foam dart guns.
64. Explore your yard and look for insects.
65. Go for a walk and explore the neighborhood.
66. Go jogging.
67. Take pictures of nature.
68. Play a trivia game.
69. Make up trivia questions about each other.
70. Make hot cocoa.
71. Play house.
72. Decorate the house with decorations you make.
73. Make popsicles.
74. Play school.
75. Do shadow puppets.
76. Make a comic book.
77. Play in the rain.
78. Make mud pies.
79. Blow bubbles.
80. Take turns saying tongue twisters.
81. Sing songs.
82. Build stuff with Legos.

83. Play with squirt guns.
84. Play video games together.
85. Play wiffleball.
86. Play nerf football.
87. Build a rocket from a kit.
88. Bake a cake and decorate it.
89. Play dress-up.
90. Thumb-wrestle, play mercy, or have a tickle fight.
91. Make a gingerbread house, or decorate gingerbread men.
92. Learn and tell each other jokes.
93. Play basketball.
94. Learn to juggle.
95. Walk barefoot in the grass and pick flowers.
96. Build paper airplanes and have a flying contest.
97. Prank call their grandparents, using disguised, humorous voices.

Make family silhouettes. Use a slide projector or a bright lamp to project the head profile on a blank wall. Hold paper against the wall and trace the silhouette. Cut out and glue it on a contrasting sheet of paper or poster board.

Play "Start a Story." One person starts the story and talks for three minutes (use timer). The next person must continue the story, and so on. After going around the family circle two or three times, the youngest child gets to end the tale.

Play "Bible Verse Scramble." One person chooses a favorite Bible verse and writes each word on a separate piece of paper. Scramble the order of the words and challenge each member of the family to see who can put it together the fastest. It could be one the family has memorized together.

American Idol

Do you have a family that loves to sing and dance? Then try holding your own American Idol show. Pick one or two family members to be the judges and let the rest compete to see who is the next American Idol. To make the show more real, you may want to try using a Karaoke Machine or microphone.

Hula Hoop game

What You Need: Hula hoop

1. Ask the kids to stand in a big circle, slip a hula hoop onto one child's arm, and have them all join hands.
2. They then must find a way to move the hula hoop all the way around the circle without letting go of each other's hands.

Invite Your Neighbors Over - With today's busy pace, it seems harder to get to know our neighbors. Invite them over for dinner or dessert and make an effort to know more about them.

Write Out Your Bucket List and Pick One to Do. Brainstorm ideas for all the things you want to do in life, and pick one to do this weekend.

Go on a Digital Scavenger Hunt -- Make it a digital scavenger hunt. Think of some creative, hilarious pictures you could take with people in to spice things up, add things to the list each team will need to photograph and/or video-tape. Email Jody (jskogen@faith-life.org) for a great list of ideas and fun ways to use them!