

Monthly Activities

JANUARY—MARCH

Choose a date each month to do a family activity, and mark it on your calendar!

JANUARY

Scripture

John 3:16, ESV

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Activity

Record a silly video together.

How-To

1. Grab your phone or tablet.
 2. Write a skit, write some jokes, or learn a quick dance.
 3. Have fun recording your video.
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Alternative Activity

Put on a shadow puppet show.

FEBRUARY

Scripture

Psalms 51:10, ESV

Create in me a clear heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Activity

Draw portraits of each other.

How-To

1. Find some paper and pencils/markers/crayons.
 2. Sit across from each other.
 3. Draw portraits of each other and then show them to each other when everyone is done.
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Alternative Activity

Have a craft night using random household supplies.

MARCH

Scripture

1 Timothy 4:13, ESV

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

Activity

Read books in a blanket fort.

How-To

1. Check out some books from the library.
 2. Build a fort out of chairs and blankets.
 3. Snuggle in close and read the stories together.
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Alternative Activity

Listen to an audio book together as a family.

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APRIL—JUNE

Choose a date each month to do a family activity, and mark it on your calendar!

APRIL

Scripture

Luke 19:10, ESV

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Activity

Decorate Easter eggs.

How-To

1. Buy some eggs from the store and boil the eggs until they are hard-boiled.
 2. Use wax crayons or permanent markers to decorate the eggs.
 3. Display the eggs for the Easter season.
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Alternative Activity

Hide plastic eggs and go on an Easter egg hunt.

MAY

Scripture

John 6:35, ESV

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

Activity

Have a picnic.

How-To

1. Pack a simple lunch and a large blanket.
 2. Find a shaded spot in the yard or at a park.
 3. Enjoy a meal outside together as a family.
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Alternative Activity

Cook a new recipe together.

JUNE

Scripture

Psalms 148:13, ESV

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

Activity

Visit a local chicken or fish hatchery together.

How-To

1. Look up local hatcheries in your area.
 2. Find a time to visit the hatchery together (schedule a tour if offered).
 3. Talk about how God designed each animal and made it unique.
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Alternative Activity

Go on an outdoor scavenger hunt and find one item for each letter of the alphabet.

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JULY—SEPTEMBER

Choose a date each month to do a family activity, and mark it on your calendar!

JULY

Scripture

Proverbs 17:22, ESV

A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Activity

Have a water balloon fight.

How-To

1. Get some water balloons from the store and fill them up.
 2. Fill up buckets with water and place the water balloons inside.
 3. Play tag, catch, or any other game with the water balloons.
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Alternative Activity

Have a living room karaoke night.

AUGUST

Scripture

Psalms 78:4, ESV

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders he has done.

Activity

Spend a night stargazing.

How-To

1. Find a large blanket and spread it out on the lawn once the sun goes down.
 2. Grab some comfy blankets and snuggle close.
 3. Watch the stars appear and look for constellations or shooting stars.
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Alternative Activity

Camp indoors as a family.

SEPTEMBER

Scripture

1 John 1:5, ESV

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Activity

Roast marshmallows inside or outside and tell funny stories.

How-To

1. Make a bonfire, light a candle, or locate some way to create a flame.
 2. Place marshmallows on sticks.
 3. Think of funny stories to tell around the campfire; give each person a turn.
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Alternative Activity

Have a movie night with special snacks.

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OCTOBER—DECEMBER

Choose a date each month to do a family activity, and mark it on your calendar!

OCTOBER

Scripture

Philippians 4:8, ESV

Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Activity

Learn a new board game or card game together.

How-To

1. Find a game you would like to learn as a family.
 2. Order pizza and schedule a time to sit down and learn the game together.
 3. Commit to playing family games together at least once a month.
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Alternative Activity

Study a new culture by reading books at the library and/or watching videos online.

NOVEMBER

Scripture

Galatians 5:13–14, ESV

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Activity

Make cards and/or cookies to take to a local nursing home.

How-To

1. Find some construction paper, markers, and stickers or glitter glue.
 2. Make cards with kind words of encouragement in them such as, “Have a great day,” or “Jesus loves you.”
 3. Contact a local nursing home and ask the best way to distribute the cards to the residents.
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Alternative Activity

Find a community project to serve in together.

DECEMBER

Scripture

Isaiah 9:6, ESV

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Activity

Drink hot cocoa and do a holiday puzzle together.

How-To

1. Make some hot cocoa.
 2. Find a puzzle to put together (you can find free puzzles to print and cut out online).
 3. Spend time putting the puzzle together and asking each other silly questions.
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Alternative Activity

Make homemade ornaments, paper chains, or paper snowflakes for the Christmas tree.