Fun Family Traditions

THAT FOSTER TOGETHERNESS

DOZENS OF EASY WAYS TO MAKE EVERY MONTH OF THE YEAR MORE MEMORABLE

JANUARY

✴ Pray for God’s guidance & blessing in the New Year
✴ Eat black-eyed peas
✴ Write thank you notes
✴ Begin a new Bible-reading plan or a family-friendly devotional book
✴ Build a snowman
✴ Drink hot cocoa
✴ Cut paper snowflakes
✴ Read a great book aloud
✴ Work a jigsaw puzzle
✴ Plant onions
✴ Pop some popcorn
✴ Pull out the sleeping bags for an indoor campout
✴ Roast marshmallows in your fireplace and make s’mores

FEBRUARY

✴ Make a bird feeder
✴ Watch Groundhog Day
✴ Eat groundhog cupcakes
✴ Recite 1 Corinthians 13
✴ Host a mother/daughter Valentine’s Brunch
✴ Weave paper hearts
✴ Share a box of chocolates
✴ Have an all-red meal
✴ Sing US Presidents song
✴ Go daffodil hunting
✴ Do random acts of kindness
✴ Go ice skating

MARCH

✴ Celebrate Seuss’s birthday
✴ Read Green Eggs and Ham
✴ Help campaign for a politician you support
✴ Fly a kite
✴ Go fishing
✴ Shoot some hoops
✴ Wear something green for St Patrick’s Day
✴ Eat green cuisine
✴ Cook a pot of Irish stew
✴ Admire azaleas and other spring blooms
✴ Cook in bulk and stock the freezer (frozen food month)

APRIL

✴ Make resurrection cookies
✴ Buy an Easter lily
✴ Dye/decorate Easter eggs
✴ Host an Easter egg hunt
✴ Watch The Passion
✴ Make homemade pretzels
✴ Take a walk in the rain (umbrellas optional)
✴ Plant a tree
✴ Read a book of poetry
✴ Play Scrabble
✴ Plant new annuals
✴ Stage a cherry pit spitting competition with prizes
✴ Draw family chalk portraits on the sidewalk or driveway

MAY

✴ Leave May baskets on neighbor’s doors
✴ Hunt wild blackberries
✴ Bake blackberry cobbler
✴ Break open a piñata for Cinco de Mayo
✴ Play Putt-Putt golf
✴ Go on a family bike ride
✴ Sign your kids up for a summer reading program
✴ Pick your mom a bouquet for Mother’s Day
✴ Write Limericks as a group
✴ Do the chicken dance
✴ Attend a Memorial Day wreath hanging ceremony
✴ Have a crawfish boil with cob corn and new potatoes

JUNE

✴ Play a game of baseball
✴ Pack a picnic
✴ Go blueberry picking
✴ Make blueberry muffins
✴ Hunt lightning bugs
✴ Take Dad breakfast in bed
✴ Host an ice cream social (have friends bring their favorite toppings)
✴ Make “Sun Tea”
✴ Eat strawberry shortcake
✴ Have a hula hoop contest
✴ Can pickles and preserves

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**JULY**
- Pray for America
- Fly the Flag
- Cook hot dogs and/or hamburgers out on the grill
- Buy your kids sparklers
- Go see a fireworks display
- Listen to John Phillips Sousa
- Wear glow-in-the-dark necklaces to play after dark
- Visit a water park
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen or library or neighborhood clean-up committee
- Go to the zoo
- Head to the community swimming pool for a family diving exhibition
- Explore your hometown

**SEPTEMBER**
- Make homemade pizza
- Play some flag football or ultimate frisbee as a family
- Pick apples
- Bake apple dumplings and serve them with ice cream
- Stock your closets with sweaters and other cool weather clothing
- Go visit the grandparents (or adopt new ones from a local nursing home)
- Make hats out of felt or newspaper for National Hat Making Day (Sept. 15)
- Make homemade play-doh
- Watch Mary Poppins
- Eat ice cream cones
- Go to the lake and have a stone-skipping contest

**AUGUST**
- Play water volleyball
- Make cherry turnovers
- Visit a science museum
- Conduct an experiment
- Eat fondue
- Go to the beach
- Build sand castles
- Collect seashells
- Break open your banks to count and roll loose change
- Team up for 3-legged races
- Break out the water colors and paint some pictures
- Enjoy ice cold watermelon
- Make banana splits
- Have a tea party
- Shop for school supplies
- Watch Davy Crockett wearing coonskin caps

**OCTOBER**
- Attend the State Fair
- Enter cooking or craft contests there
- Camp out
- Gaze at the stars
- Admire the fall foliage
- Have a log-splitting contest
- Build a bonfire
- Visit a pumpkin patch
- Go on a hay ride
- Conquer a corn maze
- Play charades
- Make/update a family tree
- Play “fictionary” or “pictionary” on Oct. 16 (Dictionary Day)
- Pass out gospel tracts with candy to trick-or-treaters

**NOVEMBER**
- Go to an airport and watch the planes take off
- Make pinecone turkeys
- Read Pilgrim Stories
- Stuff a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child
- Make button crafts (11/16)
- Play Monopoly (11/19)
- Start a gratefulness journal
- Count your blessings
- Run in a 5K Turkey Trot
- Bake sweet potatoes
- Raîle leaves
- Play in the piles before bagging or composting
- Put on a recording of “The William Tell Overture” and dance with your kids

**DECEMBER**
- Make an advent calendar from candy kisses
- Put up house lights
- Trim the Christmas tree
- Memorize/review Luke 2
- Watch It’s a Wonderful Life
- Volunteer as a bell-ringer for the Salvation Army
- Go Christmas caroling
- Drink hot apple cider
- Make fantasy fudge and other holiday treats
- Attend a Christmas concert
- Buy new PJ’s
- Hang Christmas stockings
- Read A Christmas Carol
- Give to those less fortunate
- Make any needed New Year’s Resolutions