

# 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

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### 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

## 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

## 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

## 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

## 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
- \* Rake 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