

# Family Playtime: 40 Fun Activities

## Park Hop

Pack a picnic and outdoor toys. Ride bikes to nearby parks and play!

## We Can Build It

Build something together.

## Back in the Olden Days

Select a historical site in your state and take a day trip to visit the site. Take photos and assemble a photo album or collage.

## Armchair Traveler

Choose a country your family wants to learn more about. Make a dinner with food from that country, read books it, and watch a documentary about it.

## Dinner and a Movie Night

Theme: *Pirates*  
Using this theme, make dinner together and enjoy a movie.

## Shoot Hoops

Play basketball together. Then watch a basketball movie together.  
{Optional: Select a different sport to play together.}

## Dinner and a Movie Night

Theme: *The Great Outdoors*  
Using this theme, make dinner together and enjoy a movie.

## Serve

Participate in a service project together that benefits your community.

## Dinner and a Movie Night

Theme: *Disney/Pixar*  
Using this theme, make dinner together and enjoy a movie.

## Trail Trot

Go for a hike or a walk on a nature trail. Stop at a bench and take a few moments to take in God's beauty. Draw a picture or snap some photos.

## Dinner and a Movie Night

Theme: *Asian*  
Using this theme, make dinner together and enjoy a movie.

## Vintage Fun

Play old-fashioned outdoor games together. This can include sack races, hopscotch, three-legged races, four square, and more.

## Keep It Simple Camping Trip

Go on an overnight camping trip. Pack light. Keep food prep and camp set up simple. Enjoy your time together in the outdoors.

## Be Neighborly!

Do something special for your neighbors.

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## Admire the Arts

Go to a free play or concert or art show.

## Puzzle Pizzazz

Put a thousand piece puzzle together. This may take several days, but work together.

## Green Thumbs

Plant an herb garden together. The garden can be in pots. Talk about how you will care for it and the ways you'll use the herb

## Buy Local!

Visit a farmer's market or a local farm as a family. Buy food from the market and prepare a farm-to-table meal together. Enjoy your local community's fresh flavors!

## Have a Ball!

Go bowling together or play a round or two of miniature golf.

## Outdoor Treasures

Go for a hike in a national or state park or monument. Pack lunch and enjoy a picnic on the hike.

## Game Night Marathon

See how many board and card games you play as a family in one evening.

## Movie Marathon Weekend

As a family, select a movie genre or series to watch together over a weekend (preferably a snowy or rainy weekend). Make plenty of popcorn.

## Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

Visit a zoo, aquarium, butterfly pavilion, or wildlife refuge together.

## Campfires & S'mores

Go on a camping outing to a campground your family has never visited. Don't forget the s'mores!

## Delight in Your Downtown

Spend an afternoon or evening in your city's downtown area. Set a budget of \$10 to \$15 per person. If available, take a bus to downtown. Sightsee!

## Playtime!

Build a fort together. Use large boxes or scrap pieces of wood outside or sheets, pillows, chairs, and tables inside.

## Pedal Power

Go for a family bike ride in your community. If you'd like, pack a picnic to enjoy on the bike route.

## School Spirit

Go to a local high school sporting event. Cheer for your community's team.

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## Big Fish Tales

Go fishing at a pond, lake, or stream near your home or in the mountains or wilderness.

## Under the Stars

Watch a free outdoor movie together or find a spot outside of the city to stargaze.

## Fun at the Fair

Go to your state or county fair.

## Snow! Snow! Snow!

Go sledding or build a snowman together.

## Windy Wonders

Fly kites.

## Be a tourist

Choose a town in your state that you have either never visited or haven't visited in a while. Take a day trip to that town and be a tourist.

## Be an Artist

Draw pictures of each other.  
Share at least three things you appreciate about each other.  
Hang the pictures in your home.

## New Game

Learn the rules to a game your family has never played (e.g., tennis or pickleball). Then play the game together.

## Marching Bands, Floats, and Plenty of Horses

Watch a parade.

## Water Fun

Gather up your squirt guns and water balloons and have a water gun fight.

## Bootcamp!

Go to a park with an obstacle course or build one in your backyard. Take turns going through the course and time each other.

## Chalk Art

Draw a mural on your driveway with sidewalk chalk. Don't forget to take a picture of it.