

Sweet Summer Traditions:

30 Simple Ways to Make This Summer One to Remember (Without Spending a Fortune)

1. Pajama Breakfasts on the Porch - Start one morning a week slow and cozy with breakfast in your pajamas on the porch or patio.
2. Sundae Sundays - Pick a night each week to build DIY ice cream sundaes. Sprinkles and creativity encouraged.
3. Backyard Stargazing Nights - Spread out blankets and look up. Point out constellations or just share quiet moments.
4. Library Bag Day - Weekly trips to the library, where each child brings a bag and fills it with books of their choosing.
5. Summer Gratitude Jar - Each evening, jot down something good from the day and drop it in a jar to read later.
6. Family Water Balloon Battles - Weekly water balloon fights to cool off and crack up together.
7. Friday Night Dance Parties - Crank up the tunes and dance like no one's watching--especially you, Mom.
8. Nature Scavenger Hunt Walks - Hunt for pinecones, flowers, or feathers on slow, mindful walks.
9. Outdoor Movie Night - A white sheet, some popcorn, and your favorite film--movie night goes

outside.

10. "Yes Day" Lite - Say yes to a few whimsical requests in one pre-decided day of connection and fun.

11. Lemonade Stand Day - Let kids run a stand and practice kindness and counting change.

12. Park Picnic Adventures - Try a different park every week, picnic and playground time included.

13. Reading Tree Time - Pick a shady tree and make it your go-to reading spot for the summer.

14. Sibling Spotlight Nights - Let each child take a turn choosing dinner and a family activity.

15. Kindness Challenge Week - Do one simple act of kindness daily for a week.

16. Build-a-Fort Thursdays - Turn sheets and chairs into magical hideouts.

17. Summer Photo Journal - Let your kids document summer through their eyes. Print and save their snapshots.

18. Family Story Nights - No books, just imagination. Let kids make up stories and enjoy the silly.

19. Theme Dinner Nights - Taco Tuesday, Breakfast-for-Dinner, or Fancy Friday--themes make meals fun.

20. Splash Day Saturdays - Designate a weekly day for sprinklers, pools, and water balloons.

21. Weekly Worship Walk - Walk together, talk together, pray together.

22. Homemade Pizza Night - Everyone makes their own pizza with their favorite toppings.

23. DIY Obstacle Course - Use what you have to create a silly and fun physical challenge.

24. Sunset Watching Ritual - End one day each week with the beauty of a sunset together.

25. Treasure Hunts - Hide a small surprise and lead the kids to it with clues.

26. Rainy Day Baking - When it rains, it's time to bake. Pick a favorite go-to recipe.

27. Summer Prayer Jar - Write names to pray for and pull one out each day or week.

28. Chalk the Walk Wednesdays - Decorate the sidewalk with chalk messages and drawings.

29. One-on-One Summer Dates - Take each child on a small solo adventure, no siblings allowed.

30. Grill & Giggles Night - Eat outside and tell your silliest stories or memories.