

### 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.

## Sweet Summer Traditions

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.

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- 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.