



HOW TO DO SUMMER ON PURPOSE

Can you believe it's almost summer? And it's brimming with amazing potential for you and your family. For most, summer means you'll be spending more time together—maybe even taking a long road trip or vacation.

This summer, we want to challenge families to be intentional with how you spend this extra time. We want you to do your summer *on purpose*, viewing it as a unique opportunity to invest in those you love most.

Not only do we want to help make your summer *fun*, but we want to help you make your summer *matter*.

BELOW ARE A FEW QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU, AS A PARENT, BE INTENTIONAL THIS SUMMER IN A WAY THAT FITS YOUR FAMILY:

- What are three words that would describe your ideal summer?
- What would you like to learn about your kids?
- Are there any service projects or mission trips you could help with as a family?
- Are there any important conversations you need to/want to have with your kids?
- Are there any new skills you want your kids to learn that you could be a part of? (For example—driving, sewing, cooking, etc.)
- Are there any new traditions you could start this summer? (Sunday night family dinner or Saturday breakfasts on the back deck?)
- By the end of the summer, what are a few fun activities you and your family can do together that you normally wouldn't? (Go hiking, camp out, take a bike ride, etc.)

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT AS SUMMER BEGINS

- Pull out your calendar and start planning now with specific dates. Summer will fly by!
- Plan how you'll capture the moments. Will you start a summer journal, upload great photos to Instagram and Facebook, or go old school and post pics on the fridge? (Don't forget to send pics to the grandparents!)
- Ask your kids, "What do YOU hope we get to do this summer?" It's more fun when everybody helps with the planning!