



SUMMER 2018 FAMILY CHALLENGE

Summer looks different for every family, but one thing is true for everyone—it's a unique season each year when families typically spend more time together.

On the back of this card are a few suggestions for ways your family can connect and grow together. Don't get overwhelmed—you don't have to do them all! But sit down as a family and choose a few. Place this card somewhere everyone can see it so you don't forget. Better yet, put dates on the calendar for the activities you choose.

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- Family Garage Sale.** As a family, designate a local charity that you would like to support, and have a family garage sale to raise the money. Have every family member contribute something to the sale, and divide up the tasks—from tagging and pricing to promotion and customer greeters. And for younger kids, consider setting up a lemonade stand at the sale.
- Game Night.** Break out the board games and decks of cards, and spend the evening competing for a grand prize of your choosing. You don't have to spend money—maybe the prize is a chore-free weekend or a week of being served breakfast in bed.
- Talent Show.** Grab your roller skates or a karaoke machine and put on a family talent show. Every member of your family must come up with their own special skill (even you, mom or dad) and perform it for everyone.
- Driveway Tailgate.** Bring some snacks, cold drinks, and lawn chairs out to the driveway at a time when neighbors are arriving home from work. Before the garage door rolls down, shout out an invite to neighbors to join your family for a casual time to connect.
- Take a Hike.** Find a local hiking trail and load up the family for an afternoon in the wilderness. Add a little friendly competition by challenging everyone to take photos. Whoever snaps the best one gets to choose where you have dessert! Along the way, share your favorite aspect of God's outdoor creation.
- Memory Verse Challenge.** Challenge your family to memorize one Bible verse each week. Choose a day every week to check in and see who remembers the ones from the previous weeks. Celebrate at the end of the summer with a party or dinner out.
- Get Crafty.** Grab some paint and paper and find a place to get crafty, preferably outside. Decide to paint the same thing—a flower, a beach, your house. At the end, compare each other's paintings. Talk about the different interpretations of each person's work.