

HANG TIME

ACTIVITIES DESIGNED AROUND 5 FAMILY VALUES

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FIGHT FOR THE HEART

Communicate in a style that gives the relationship value.

Question Quest. It's easy to ask the same questions every time you see your kid. But this month, challenge yourself to ask something *different*. You can find a list of unique questions and conversation starters online by searching "questions to ask your kids." Or, come up with some of your own. You may want to send the list to them ahead of time so they can be thinking of their answers. Either way, you're sure to learn something new!



WIDEN THE CIRCLE

Pursue strategic relationships for your kids.

Finale Fiesta. The end of summer is near. Fight off (or at least delay!) the sadness and nostalgia with a Finale Fiesta! Invite your neighbors to your cul-de-sac or backyard for a potluck party. Don't know your neighbors? Even better! Who knows, your child may meet someone who will be in their grade, school, or class.



CREATE A RHYTHM

Increase the quantity of quality times you spend together.

Laugh Track. August 16 is National Tell a Joke Day. Let your kids stay up a little later than usual (it's a Saturday!), grab some snacks, and download a laugh track to your phone or computer. Have everyone in your family take turns standing up to tell jokes. They can even come prepared with a few written down. Instead of applause, use the laugh track after every punchline!



IMAGINE THE END

Focus your priorities on what matters most.

Skill Study. As you start new schedules and new routines, think about a faith skill you'd like your kid to develop over the next few months. Would you like to see them grow in the area of prayer? Do you hope to see them talking about their faith more? Or simply living in a way that honors God? Find a related devotional, podcast, show, or book that you can start with your student this month. Check out the brand new Parent Cue Store for some great devotional ideas at parentcuestore.org.



JUST FOR YOU: MAKE IT PERSONAL

Put yourself first when it comes to personal growth.

Parent Progress. It's easy to focus on all the things we do wrong as parents. Take some time to sit down and make a list of all the things that went *right* this summer. Think through schedules, trips, events, and accidentally amazing moments. Keep the list for the next few weeks and refer back to it when you're questioning your abilities as a parent.