

# Family Time Together

Each family has a story to tell, and every story is different. Whether it is a story about the holiday when grandma burned the bread or a crazy family reunion, sharing stories together is a favorite family pastime. During this holiday season, spend time learning more about your family and reminiscing about stories past. Here are some fun ideas to get you started:



- **Write a news article about your family.**

What is the most exciting thing happening right now? Think about using that event as the headline. E.g. "Aunt Louisa comes to visit!" Write the first paragraph and include information about who, what, where, when and how.

- **Make a daily schedule.**

Pick someone in your family and find out what they do all day. Ask them what time they wake up, or how long it takes to shower, cook, clean, or go to work. Count up the hours and minutes so that you can account for the full 24 hours. (Don't forget to leave time for reading!)

- **Create a family album collage.**

Collect photos of your family and cut out words from magazines and newspapers that relate to your family. Paste everything on cardboard pages and add in your own thoughts. Ask your family members to add a little something. Once the pages are finished, bind them together with ribbon or string.



- **Think of a funny that you've had with your family and act it out without using words.** See if your family can guess what story you're trying to tell and which family member you're portraying. Take turns acting and guessing.

- **Create a comparison book.**

Pick two people in your family and come up with ways they are similar and dissimilar. Compare their eye color, height, food likes and dislikes. Interview them and ask them each the same questions. Record each of their answers. Draw pictures to go along with your book.

- **Create a family birthday calendar.**

This way you will be sure to remember everyone's birthday. You can include brothers, sisters, aunts, grandparents, friends and even pets.



- **Pick a favorite song and write down the lyrics you**

**hear.** Rewrite the lyrics to include people in your family and a story about you. Share it with your family members, or even sing together.



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