



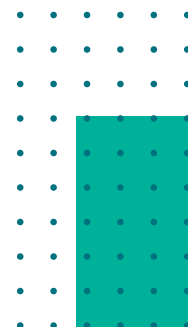
**DON'T DO  
SUMMER  
ALONE**





## WHAT IS A SUMMER SURVIVAL GUIDE?

Summer is a great time to connect as a family, build confidence in kids, and foster creativity. So, the Summer Survival Guide is packed full of fun ideas to help you and your kids have a blast this summer.



# LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

## LET YOUR CHILD BE THE CHEF

Put your elementary-age child in charge of dinner. Have them plan the menu, join you for grocery shopping, and help with the cooking. Watch their confidence grow as they learn a new skill.

## BUILD A BLANKET FORT

Let your kids turn pillows and blankets into a cozy fort. Then gather inside for a family board game night – quality time in a fun, new space.

## CREATE WITH SIDEWALK CHALK

Brighten up your sidewalk or driveway with colorful chalk art. Trace your child's outline and let them turn it into a creative self-portrait while reminding them that they are wonderfully made in God's image.

For older kids, take the activity to a nearby parking lot where they can use sidewalk chalk to leave uplifting messages in empty parking spaces – spreading encouragement to others in a simple, meaningful way.



## SERVE TOGETHER

Look at your calendar and find a time to volunteer at Backpack Buddies or another local service opportunity. Kids feel significant when they're given something significant to do.

## ENCOURAGE WITH KINDNESS

Think of someone who could use a little joy. Take your kids shopping for candy or treats and secretly deliver them to that person's front porch. It's a fun way to teach compassion.

## SEND SOME LOVE

Gather paper and art supplies. Have younger kids color a picture, and older ones create a card to mail to a grandparent or someone special in your lives.



## DOLLAR STORE GIFT EXCHANGE

Draw names and take a family trip to the Dollar Store. Each person picks a gift for the name they drew. At home, exchange gifts and share why you chose them.

## KARAOKE PARTY TIME

Let your kids pick their favorite songs and host a family karaoke session. It's a great way to be silly and celebrate their personalities.



## HOST A FAMILY TALENT SHOW

Announce that your family will be hosting a talent show. Let everyone practice their act, then gather after dinner for a fun night of performances.



## DECORATE YOUR WINDOWS

Buy some dry erase markers or clings and let your child decorate the windows with their imagination.

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Break out the holiday spirit in the summer! Decorate sugar cookies, watch a Christmas movie, build gingerbread houses, and sing carols for a day of festive fun.



## T-SHIRT ART PROJECT

Give your child a plain white t-shirt and let them decorate it using fabric markers. They'll love creating their own wearable art.

## TAKE A THANKFULNESS WALK

Go for a family walk and call out the things you see that God has created. Take turns thanking Him for the blessings around you.



## CLOUD WATCHING & GROUNDING

Lie in the grass with your child and look up at the sky. Talk about the different shapes you see in the clouds. It's a peaceful way to slow down and connect.

# MOVIE NIGHT

## HAVE A MOVIE NIGHT WITH MEANING

- 1 Pick a family movie
- 2 Pop some popcorn
- 3 Enjoy the film together
- 4 Spark conversation with the movie as inspiration

Need movie suggestions and discussion questions? We've got you covered.

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# SCAVENGER HUNTS



## SEND YOUR KIDS ON A SCAVENGER HUNT

Whether indoors or out, it's a great way to burn energy and spark imagination.

You can come up with your own list based on themes, seasons, movies or favorite memories or vacations.

Or you can use the Indoor and Outdoor Scavenger Hunt lists we've created.

Ready... set... go get creative!



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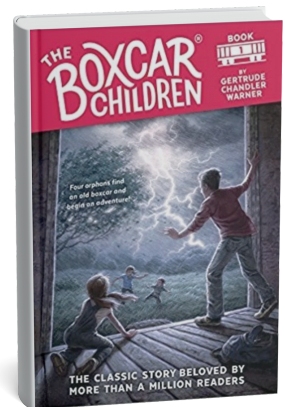
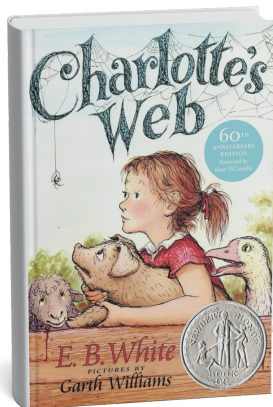


# READ TOGETHER

## START A FAMILY READ-ALOUD

Choose a chapter book and read a little together each night before bed. It's a cozy way to wind down and bond.

Here are some book suggestions from our team. As always, we encourage parents to review and evaluate any book to ensure it aligns with your family's values.



- 1 ***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*** by C.S. Lewis
- 2 ***Charlotte's Web*** by E.B. White
- 3 ***Wingfeather Saga*** by Andrew Peterson
- 4 ***The Boxcar Children Mysteries*** by Gertrude Chandler Warner



# INDOOR PICNIC

## HAVE A LIVING ROOM PICNIC

Change things up by eating dinner on a picnic blanket in the living room. Looking for conversation starters? We've got family dinner questions just for you!



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# MEMORY VERSES

## LEARN MEMORY VERSES TOGETHER

Challenge your kids to learn three Bible verses before school starts. Not sure which verses to pick? Let Parent Cue help you. They have Scripture suggestions for the phases of your child's life.



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