

Hospitality Ideas

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FAMILY First



With kids back in school and all the extracurricular activities in full swing, it doesn't leave much time for families spending time together. You might enjoy watching your daughter or son play soccer



from the sidelines or a child marching with the school band in a parade. Or you might be driving to and from dance classes or volleyball practice or cheerleading or football practice ... and the list goes on. When is it you actually get to sit and chat with your family and enjoy some "down time" with each other?



The holidays are fast approaching, meaning schedules will become even busier. So with that in mind, here are some simple ways to spend time together.



† *Eat at least one meal a day together around a table. Make it a simple meal to prepare and clean up so you can spend more time around the table than in the kitchen. Pray before you eat, giving thanks for your family.*



† *Turn off all social media/technology while you are eating and just engage in conversation.*

† *Share a scripture verse or short devotional before or after the meal.*

† *Take a genuine interest in your child's activities. What was your best class today? Was cheerleading practice hard? What does your position in football entail?*

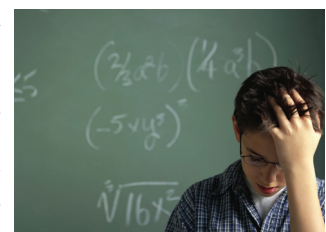


† *Spend an evening making Christmas lists for/with each other.*

† *Address and sign Christmas cards together (even if it's only November ... think of how wonderful it would be to have them ready to drop in the mail when December arrives!!)*

† *Spend an evening or Saturday baking cookies to freeze and use during the holidays.*

† *Be in touch with your child's needs. Do you need help with your math tonight? How is the dance routine coming for show choir? Was cheerleading practice hard? What does your position in football entail?*



*Family traditions become some of the best memories!
Start making memories today with your family! Titus 2:1-8*