

What can we do with Families?

1. Make small mud bricks and build houses, walls, even cities. (For Sandy soil add 1 part flour to 4 parts soil) Add enough water to make it workable like a dough. Shape into rectangles; let set. Use a wet table knife to cut various size bricks. Stack bricks, spreading a fresh batch of mud as the mortar. Smooth excess with a plastic knife.
2. Tape 2 paper plates together and play flying saucers to land on a target after decorating them.
3. Make a totem pole using 5 or 6 milk cartons: cut off tops and make 2 inch slits in the corners; wedge the bottom one inside the top of the carton beneath it. Cover with paper and decorate with photos.
4. Preserve a spider web by dusting it gently with talcum powder. Spray a piece of black construction paper with hair spray. While the hair spray is slightly tacky, mount the web onto the paper. Coat the paper with acrylic spray to preserve the web.
5. Go park hopping. Pick 3 parks close together: Go and have parts of a picnic at each one. Or you can just choose a different park each week.
6. Learn to juggle using homemade bean bags.
7. Rent a movie or check from out of the library and have popcorn and M&Ms.
8. Write thank-you notes to a favorite teacher or leader.
9. Cook breakfast at the park as a family.
10. Start a "traveling" story with cousins or friends who have moved away. Each person tells part of a story and then sends it on to the next one to add some to it. Have a master list with the story as to where it goes next. When it returns to you, make a copy and share the finished story with everyone.
11. Have a "Manners Dinner" and pretend you are eating in a restaurant. Have someone act as waiter. Have a menu to order from.
12. Have an Art scavenger hunt. Give them a list of exhibits, works of art, or artists to identify.
13. Have a zoological scavenger hunt by studying animals before going and trying to identify them.
14. Go to the library and look up on microfilm the front page of the newspaper on the day and year each child was born. Make a copy for your child to keep.
16. Photocopy family photos and put them on 8x8 squares of poster board. Make two of each, number the back of each card, turn them face down, and play a matching game.
17. Have a memory evening and write down the children's and parents' memories of past events or childhood happenings. Make a copy for each child.
18. Make a volcano. Mound dirt 6 to 10 inches high and clear a hole down the middle of it. Put 2 tsps of baking soda in the hole. Pour in some inexpensive vinegar and watch your "eruption." Check a book out of the library on volcanos.
19. Make an ancestor family tree and have a story for each ancestor -- include photo if you have them.
20. Visit the Gilgrease fruit orchard when fruit is in season. For a few dollars you can pick fruit.
21. Learn a new skill such as whistling, cooking, or taking pictures.
22. Have an outing to a family cemetery. Mark the headstones with ribbons and cards that explain how the person was related to the family.
23. Visit a grandparent or aunt or uncle and interview them about their childhood.
24. Play tourist in our own town: check out the dancing waters, see the volcano erupt, the battleship get sunk, visit the airport, go to the chocolate factory and the clown factory.
25. Take a tour of the Anderson Dairy or the tortilla factory.
26. Visit Mystic Falls at Sam's Town: 2, 6, 8, & 10 p.m. daily.
27. Go bird watching at Corn Creek - N on Hwy 95 abt 15 miles from Santa Fe. Turn right at the Desert National Wildlife Range sign. About 2 miles.
28. Take an outing to Plant World on West Charleston. See all the live birds and animals.
29. Visit Hemenway Park in Boulder City to watch the Big Horned Sheep come down to graze on the

grass. Take a picnic lunch, let the kids play. -- before the visitor's center for Lake Mead.
30. Play the Chocolate Game!