

Summer@Home 2017 How to Create Great Summer Memories

Only 5 % of our children's lifetime will occur during the summer breaks. Only 5% of our lifetime will be spent with our kids during summer breaks.

So be careful how you live. Live as men who are wise and not foolish. Make the best use of your time. These are sinful days. Do not be foolish. Understand what the Lord wants you to do. **Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLV)**

How to Have a Life-Changing Summer

Key: Build an intentional **Bucket List**.

1. Start with the <u>end</u> in mind. What do I want to see happen in the life of my child this summer? (Beliefs – Identity – Character – Purpose – Life Skills)

Train (teach, demonstrate, have them do) up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. **Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)**

2. Build a **family** bucket list. (small bucket, or mason jar, craft sticks, and a calendar).

Suggested Ideas:

12 FUN Events – Family Unity Nights – Green Days

Make a list of "FUN" things to do (important note: **everyone** contributes). This can range from going to the water park, a bowling night, cooking at home together, a board game night, a movie night, going to the park for a picnic, or cleaning the house together. Pick twelve ideas. Everyone gets

one or more of their ideas included. This is not only is fun, but also shows giving to one another. Write each idea on a stick and place them in the bucket or jar. On the FUN night, choose one to do.

6 FAB Nights – Family and the Bible Nights (This is easily done at dinner time) – Yellow Days

This can be six Bible stories, or six chapters out of the bible., or just six verses (suggestion: use Proverbs). Pick six stories or passages and write the reference on a stick and put it in the bucket. When it is FAB night, have one of the kids pick a stick, get your Bible and have them read it out loud. Let the Bible do the work.

3 FOME Events – Family on Mission Events (1 each month) – Orange Days

Examples: Make cookies and take them to a local nursing home staff. Make goodies and take them to the local Fire or Police Departments. Mow a neighbor's yard. Take flowers to a widow in the neighborhood. Help with a SWAT team or Needs Ministry event. Go with the youth group to put on a VBS. Buy groceries for a single parent or take groceries to or volunteer at a local food pantry (The CEC or Community Table).

1 Divine Moment – Share the story of Jesus Christ and what He means to you – Red Day

Tell who Jesus Christ is, what He did, and what He means to you.

Other ideas: Intentional skill set development days. Write on the calendar a skill you want to teach your child. Examples: How to brush their teeth well, how to wash their clothes, how to pay bills and balance a checkbook, how to drive, how to get a job or be successful at college. Spiritual skills: how to pray, how to find things in your Bible, how to handle your finances God's way (10-10-80), teach about tithing.

3. Ask God to bless your summer.

Let us, your servants, see you work again; let our children see your glory. And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, make our efforts successful! Psalm 90:16-17 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. Review today's message notes. Now do it. When done, email me at <code>jay@centerpointchurch.com</code> a picture of your calendar or bucket/mason jar. For additional resources look up on the internet Piaget's levels of development. I also recommend reading "It All Starts at Home" by Kurt Brunner and Steve Stroop.