
MANTECA FAMILY NIGHT IDEA LIST

1 Sit down together for dinner

2 Make dinner together as a family

3 Stargazing

4 Geocaching

5 Play at the park

6 Squirt gun fight

7 Fly a kite

8 Bike ride

9 Go on a hike

10 Play a sport together

11 Family walk

12 Water balloon fight

13 Play tag

14 Ultimate Frisbee

15 Charades

16 Minute to win it

17 Play board games

18 Play card games

19 Build a blanket fort

20 Make your own slime

21 Have a Nerf war

22 Karaoke

23 Talent show

24 Hide and Seek

25 Pillow fight

26 Dance party

27 Silly string fight

28 Glow-stick party

29 Hula hoop contest

30 Make a bird feeder

31 Make Tie-dye t-shirts

32 Sidewalk chalk art

33 Make origami

34 Play with Play dough

35 Movie night

36 Make homemade ice cream

37 Make cookies

38 Ice cream sundae bar

39 Decorate cookies

40 Make a funny family video

41 Roller skating

42 Head to the library to find some new books to read

43 Go bowling

44 Learn a new card game

45 Create a family time capsule

46 Have a picnic dinner

47 Visit an elderly neighbor or relative

48 Toss a Frisbee around

49 Create an obstacle course that all family members have to cross together

50 Prepare a package for someone in need (military, shut-in, nursing home, etc.)

51 Make a family mailbox and leave in a prominent place in the house for notes of encouragement

52 Start a "Thankful for" journal and have each person write in it. Little ones can draw photos.

53 Pitch a tent in the living room and watch a movie.

54 Do a puzzle together

55 Draw pictures of family members and exchange them to hang in bedrooms and offices.

56 Reading Night: read aloud with your family.

57 Play Mad Libs

58 Host show-and-tell: Have each family member choose an item that's important to them and then tell all about it.

59 Play dress-up: Let your kids rifle through your closet and choose outfits to try on.

60 Color together

61 Have a craft night

62 Exercise together

63 Play with Legos together

64 Write letters to far away family members

65 Learn to make paper airplanes then race them

66 Go bowling

67 Plant a tree

68 Make a family flag and display it

69 Keep TV off for the night

70 Say why you're grateful for each other

71 Assign Secret Santa to each other for a week, when it's not Christmas

72 Do kind acts for each other

73 Have an etiquette night

74 Visit a nursing home

75 Clean up litter in your neighborhood with your family

76 Pick fruit/berries together

77 Make your own pizza

78 Make s'mores

79 Play video games together

80 Try a new restaurant

81 Visit a historic site

82 Guest of Honor Night: Have the night focused on one person in your family. Create a list of questions to ask this person during dinner that highlights things about their personality.

83 Home Video: Break out home videos of your kid's younger days or create a slideshow using pictures of your kids or you growing up.

84 Volunteer: Sign up to volunteer at a local place that needs help. Focus your volunteer work to something your child is interested in.

- 85** Family Website/Blog: Gather together to create a family website or blog. Have your kids help with pick the layout, color, design, and content. If you decide to do a blog, gather around the computer weekly and have the kids tell you what they think should be included.
- 86** Dessert Out: Surprise your kids by eating dinner at home and announcing that you're taking them out for dessert.
- 87** \$5 Shopping Night: Take your kids to the store and give them each \$5. Make it a contest to see who can buy the best item for the family just using that amount.
- 88** History Night: Invite a grandparent over (or Facetime/Skype a grandparent) to tell stories of their life when they were young. You can even set up a family history interview by having your kids write questions ahead of time.
- 89** Scavenger Hunt: Split your family up or compete against another family. Give each team a digital camera to documents their findings.
- 90** A How-to Night: Learn something together! Some examples could be how to cook a certain kind of food, change a tire/the oil in a car, plant a garden, start a campfire, create a budget, or play a sport.
- 91** Make a family tree