

SUMMER SERIES: Old-Fashioned Fun...



Ok here are some suggestions to get you going on taking it old school during the summer of 2020. We all remember doing these things as kids, right? Ok everyone, get to it!

- 1. Family game night:** Have a weekly game night, and rotate who chooses the game.
- 2. Family movie night:** Show a movie on the main television in your home or take it outside and project it on the side of your home. Serve popcorn and sodas and sing along to "Mary Poppins," watch Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader duke it out in "Star Wars" or watch a modern Disney classic.
- 3. Family dance party:** Host a family dance party to all sorts of different music and show the kids you can boogie (or salsa). Invite more guests via Zoom.
- 4. House or neighborhood scavenger hunt:** Set up a scavenger hunt with clues at the end that involve a prize such as a favorite dessert or the winner's choice of movie night pick.
- 5. Create light:** Make candles from scratch with yummy smells to give as presents.
- 6. Face painting:** [Learn to face paint](#) and practice on each other. Hold a contest over Zoom to vote for "best paint job," "most realistic," "best superhero" and "scariest animal."
- 7. Do a puzzle:** If you're bored with your puzzles, trade with a neighbor.
- 8. Lego challenges:** Give everyone a bag of Lego pieces and charge your crew with building a house, a store, a park, their school or a castle in the sky — and then set the timer. Creativity wins! (There are great [30-day Lego challenges](#) online.)
- 9. Raise a glass to freedom (July 4th is coming up and Hamilton the movie is being released straight to video-so look for it):** Sing straight through Lin-Manuel Miranda's "Hamilton." Not for little kids — but you can pretty much sing your way through the entire musical. Little kid substitute: "Mary Poppins?"
- 10. Each one, pick one:** Each member of the family gets to pick something from his or her personal list of "fun things" to do for the whole family to do together. One rule: No picking something you already know another relative hates. Not fun!

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