

“We Love to Be a Family” Day

This template is designed to help you plan and implement the ideas featured in the companion post on The Power of Moms titled, “A Valentine’s Tradition Your Family Will Never Forget.”

Step One: Brainstorm

In five minutes, list several activity ideas that will work with your family. Consider coupons you have, nearby events, simple at-home games, service ideas, family members’ favorite foods, etc. Honestly evaluate your energy level, the ages of your children, and the time you’ll have available. (Reduce the stress here . . .)

Step Two: Select the Best Activities

Narrow the list down to seven (SIMPLE) activities you know your family will enjoy. Put them in a logical order that will work with the time you have available, your family budget, and your children’s attention spans.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.



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Step Three: Write Your Clues

The cryptic nature of your clues will vary according to the ages of your children, but have some fun writing seven quick hints your family members will read as they move to each new activity.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
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- 7.

Step Four: Create Your Treasure Map

Remember, this can be absolutely basic. Your kids will still love it. Use a brown grocery bag, a piece of butcher paper—or even just a plain piece of copy paper. Write your clues on construction-paper hearts or something that can easily be added to your map or opened/removed to reveal the clue.

Step Five: Identify and Complete Next Actions

Errands

Phone calls

At Home

Computer

Discussions

Enjoy your First Annual “We Love to Be a Family” Day!



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