

# GRAND IDEAS

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## Intentional Ideas and Activities to Connect with Your Grandchild

As a grandparent, you have an incredible opportunity to invest time, energy and creativity into your grandchild. Make a plan, mark your calendar and make it a priority to foster the relationship you have together.

Use some of the ideas listed below to help you get started:

- Find out what activities your grandchild loves to do. Invite them on a “special date” to do those things with you.
- Create a special journal to mail back and forth to each other, taking turns writing notes, drawing or adding in photos.
- Have a “Camp Grandkid” time where your grandchild spends the night and you do special things together.
- Have your grandchild interview you on video.
- Share favorite memories with each other.
- Have special one-on-one time doing something they enjoy such as attending sporting events, musicals, etc.
- Research and create your family tree together.
- Start a collection together, preferably something your grandchild is interested in.
- Attend your grandchild's special events at school.
- Share a special talent or hobby with your grandchild.
- Bake something together.
- Serve together in a church ministry or some other charity.

- Build something together, such as a model or bird house.
- Go out for lunch or on a special dessert date.
- Make a memory book together.
- Listen.
- Every time you connect, let your grandchild know that they are loved and appreciated.
- Pray together.
- Go on a nature walk.
- Send little notes letting your grandchild know that you prayed for them and what you prayed about.
- Teach your grandchild something new.
- Ask your grandchild to teach you something new.
- Watch a movie and then have good conversation afterward to talk about the themes in the story.
- Go through old photo albums together. Ask your grandchild what they are interested in learning more about...your childhood, their parent's childhood or maybe even when they were younger.
- Play a game, learn a new game or make up a game together.
- Offer to help your grandchild with projects, practice a favorite sport or even help teach them to drive.
- Go on an adventure together, such as fishing, hiking or exploring.
- Record yourself reading a special book and send the recording and the book to your grandchild.
- Stay connected. Use technology to send texts, video chat via FaceTime, or connect in other ways that your grandchild frequently uses.
- Have fun taking turns asking and answering questions with each other.

**Stay connected! Have fun! Make memories!!**