

# Fun Ideas for Family Engagement

Summer

## Summer Family Fun Tips

Summer is here and it's a great time to make memories as a family! Here are some ideas for activities and adventures for fun at home or on the road:

**I Spy Summer Fun.** Promote [summer learning fun](#) by playing I Spy with your children. Pass the time on a road trip by looking for letters on [license plates](#) and signs, and at home by searching for shapes, patterns, or colors.

**Cool Treats for a Hot Day.** Cool down on a hot summer day with a healthy treat! Make [homemade popsicles](#) with your favorite fruit. Count the pieces of fruit together and practice measuring skills as your child adds the ingredients.

**Sweet Celebration.** Celebrate [National Ice Cream Month](#) by making this sweet treat at home. Celebrate your creativity by creating your very own, [individual serving](#) flavored just the way you like it. You can also sneak in a summer science lesson as your child sees the creamy liquid change to a solid.

**Cool off with Watermelon.** Have some [good old-fashioned fun](#) with this delicious summer fruit. Try to grow your own watermelon by planting the seeds. Hold a watermelon eating contest. See who can spit their seeds the furthest. Just have fun and be silly!

**Make a Splash.** You don't have to leave your house to have fun in the sun! Create your own water park right in your own yard. Set up sprinklers, water slides, a small pool and/or spray bottles. Invite other children from the neighborhood to join your family fun day.

**Soak in the Sun.** There are many ways to enjoy a day at the beach without the beach! Pack up your suits, water toys, and picnic lunch and check out nearby lakes, state parks, and rivers. Baltimore and many other cities and towns feature free [public water areas](#) for families to cool off during the hot summer days. Take pictures to create a family summer scrapbook of fun.

