



Activity Ideas for Families of Pre-school & Elementary School Kids

Engaging in these activities not only strengthens neighborhood bonds but also provides children with opportunities to engage socially, develop teamwork, and step into community responsibility. Parents and caregivers can help instill a sense of connection and empathy in their children from a young age.

Take a Wide Grow It Step as a family! See where it takes you!

Fall

- ☐ 🏠 Back-to-School Goodie Bags – hand out at the bus stop (pencils, mints, mini notes)
 - ☐ 🧁 Muffins at the Bus Stop (for Moms or Kids) – simple grab-and-go morning treat
 - ☐ 🏠 Adopt Your School - regularly shower school staff with encouragement, snacks, etc.
 - ☐ 🎃 Pumpkin Painting in the Driveway – bring paints, brushes, and small pumpkins
 - ☐ 🧛 Halloween Hot Chocolate Station – set up on your porch for trick-or-treaters
 - ☐ 🧺 Neighborhood Fall Clean-Up – rake leaves for an elderly neighbor as a group
 - ☐ 🧦 Sock it To “Em - collect multi-sized winter socks FOR our *War, WV friends
 - ☐ 🎄 * Stuff the Stockings - plan now to purchase, assemble, and provide holiday cheer
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Winter

- ☐ 🧊 Snowman Contest – text neighbors to join a build-off during the next snowfall
- ☐ 🕯️ Christmas Decoration Walk or Car Picnic – create a walkable or driveable route to enjoy Christmas decorations; pack snacks & goodies

- ☐ ☕ Cocoa + Craft Night – invite 2–3 families for simple holiday crafts and cocoa
 - ☐ 🎄 Cookie Exchange – make and swap small holiday cookie bags with your kids
 - ☐ 🎁 New Year Cheer Bags – drop off sparklers, glow sticks, or confetti poppers with a note: “Happy New Year, Neighbor!”
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🌸 Spring

- ☐ 🌷 Easter Egg Hunt in your yard or shared green space (invite neighborhood kids)
 - ☐ 🌺 May Day Flower Drop – deliver mini bouquets with a note: “You’re loved!”
 - ☐ 🍋 Lemonade Stand for a Cause – donate proceeds to a local charity together
 - ☐ 🐝 Pollinator Party – hand out seed packets or plant flowers with kids for neighbors
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☀️ Summer

- ☐ 🎨 Sidewalk Chalk & Popsicles Party – let kids decorate sidewalks and serve freezer pops
 - ☐ 🧺 Front Yard Picnic Night – invite a few families to bring blankets and snacks
 - ☐ 🍿 Driveway Movie Night – use a projector and show a kid-friendly film
 - ☐ 🍉 Water Balloon Wednesday – quick 30-minute backyard splash with neighbors
 - ☐ 🚗 Kid Car Wash for Neighbors – offer a “free wash” for neighbor cars (kids love it!)
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❤️ Anytime Serving Ideas

- ☐ ✉️ Kindness Notes from Kids – have your children write or draw cards to drop at doorsteps
- ☐ 🍪 Bake + Share – make extra treats and deliver to 2–3 neighbors
- ☐ 🥤 Bus Stop Blessings – pass out juice boxes or granola bars on testing days

- ☐ 🧺 “Serve a Neighbor” Scavenger Hunt – list 5 acts of kindness to check off (pick up trash, bring in a package, etc.)
 - ☐ 📚 Book Swap Box – set out a bin of used kids’ books and invite others to “take one, leave one”
 - ☐ 📖 Contact a retirement community and ask to bring kids to read a story or sing a song or complete a craft and share the finished product with a resident
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 Tip for Families:

Let your kids help plan the activity. When they’re excited, others will be too.

When we we’re FOR our Neighbors, then we earn the right to Be the Invite to Sunday services!

* If your family chooses an activity to partner with our Missions team, reach out to your neighbors AND to Missions staff for a group project!

Invite people with a simple text or card that says,

“Come as you are — kids welcome — no pressure!”