

Fun and Creative Ideas

Below is a list of fun and creative ideas to stay connected and build into your grandchildren's lives. Many are free or inexpensive and can be implemented regardless of where you live. You can have fun and make a difference at the same time!

- Be intentional about scheduling and spending time with them
- Target school breaks for longer visits and sleepovers
- Call them
- Text them
- Email them
- Send them letters with old family pictures
- Mail a journal back and forth with messages from each other
- Read to them
- Sleepovers
- Watching a sunrise or sunset
- Stargaze
- Build a back yard or beach campfire
- Play hide 'n seek
- Watch funny cat or dog videos – people fails etc.
- Watch a comedy movie, family oriented standup comedian or AGT
- Make and send them videos
- Record your voice reading them a story and send them the book to read along. Our grandkids loved it! Here is an example: [The Night Before Christmas Recordable Edition: A Recordable Storybook](#)
- Record a fun message or silly video and send it to your grandkids, or post videos online for them to watch – start a channel on YT or Rumble and show vacations, hobbies, share wisdom, life experiences, lessons learned etc.
- Zoom, facetime, google meet with them – this can be tricky with young children because your adult children will have to be involved in the scheduling

- A pajama movie marathon
- Look through old photos
- Karaoke
- Teach them how to sew or knit
- Teach them how to cook or bake (favorite meals, fresh bread, pies, cakes)
- Make pizzas – let them pick their favorite toppings!
- Make your own ice cream
- Teach them how to use hand tools
- Build something together
- Teach them (or take a class on) self-defense
- Teach them to play an instrument
- Put together a puzzle
- Go for a walk
- Bike Riding
- Go to a local or state park – hike, have a picnic, fly a kite, or throw a frisbee
- Go fruit-picking
- Board games
- Card games
- Ping-pong
- Billiards
- Darts
- Bowling
- Archery
- Throw axes
- Golf
- Throw a baseball or a football

- Go to a batting cage
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Fishing or sailing
- Tennis
- Pickleball
- Croquet
- Bocce ball
- Ski
- Go-carts
- A trampoline park
- Build a snowman or a sand sculpture
- Go out for dessert
- Putt-putt or glow-in-the-dark mini golf
- Go to an amusement park
- A zoo
- An aquarium
- Go to a play
- Go to an escape room
- Go to an aviation, car or railroad museum
- Create a fun scavenger hunt
- Attend their school sporting, musical or awards events
- Hand out homeless lunches together
- Volunteer as a family at a soup kitchen or foodbank

* Always get parents' permission for any activity where an accident could cause injury

Sharing Your Wisdom and Faith

This is by far the most important area that you can use your power as a grandparent to influence your grandchildren. Depending on your circumstances and the age of your grandchild, some of these ideas can be implemented in person, by phone, video, a website, a YouTube or Rumble channel, email or letter.

- Pray *for* them
Examples: for their salvation or sanctification, friends, potential spouse, God's purpose for their life such as occupation or how He would have them serve others, and protection from all evil
- Tell them how you're praying for them
- Ask them how you can pray for them
- Pray *with* them
- Let them see you living your faith
Examples: Let them see you pray, reading your bible, feeding homeless, going to church, being involved in a small group or bible study, helping others, discuss how you make decisions (give examples) – let them see you tithing, etc.
- Teach them about God's love for us and them
- Tell them you love them – unconditional – nothing can ever change
- Teach them that God will always forgive us if we confess our sins and turn away from them, but there are still consequences to sin and bad decisions
- Share stories about how God has worked in your life
- Share miracles you've seen Him do
- Share stories of missionaries and the miracles they have experienced
- Encourage them to memorize scripture – you might try having them read along silently while you recite a chapter or verse that you've memorized “just to be sure you've got it right” – even if you don't do it perfectly, they will know that you're working on it, and they may just get inspired! 😊
- Write a letter to your grandchild sharing how much you love and appreciate them and share some positive traits you see in them – let them know you are proud of them and who they're becoming

- Talk with them about important practical topics like, the importance of choosing the right spouse, how to choose the right spouse, how to handle anger biblically,
- Teach them the difference between conviction that comes from The Holy Spirit, and condemnation which comes from satan

It's our hope and prayer that this information has empowered and motivated you to develop a deeper and more meaningful relationship with your grandchildren. They are a gift from the Lord and He's put you in a special position in their lives to point them back to Him.

We are praying for you and your family. Never discount the power of a grandparent's influence. Go out there and make a difference and have fun doing it!