1. Start a rock or fossil collection; classify what you have found.
2. Learn to play a musical instrument.
3. Offer to care for neighbors’ pets while they are on vacation.
4. Draw cartoons.
5. Read some poetry, write some poetry, submit it for publication, or enter it in a contest.
6. One child-one parent: go to a fast food restaurant for breakfast.
7. Entire family: go out to eat at an elegant restaurant and engage in stimulating conversation.
8. Paint pictures with water or chalk on the sidewalk or driveway, create a hopscotch pattern, and play it.
9. Attend a city council meeting or a court room case.
10. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper.
11. Explore ways to make your home more environmentally friendly.
12. Enroll in a school or pre-collegiate gifted summer school class.
13. Visit a zoo or aquarium.
14. Tour an art center or historical museum.
15. Acquire some DVDs and learn a foreign language.
16. Create a new board game and teach it to family or friends.
17. Write and produce a play.
18. Using things found at home, make instruments and start a rhythm band.
19. Make paper airplanes in as many designs as you can and have a contest to see which flies farthest.
20. Buy a telescope and view the star, or visit a local observatory.
21. Research your family tree; interview parents and grandparents.
22. Start a neighborhood newsletter; interview interesting persons.
23. Create a recipe for a new food dish and prepare it for your family.
24. Write a thank-you letter to someone who did something nice for you.
25. Go fishing.
26. See how many different kinds of birds you can spot; identify them by sight and by their songs.
27. With the help of an adult who enjoys woodworking, build a bird house or bird feeder.
28. Spend a week at a camp of your choice (or a family camp).
29. Plant a garden, either vegetable or floral; research what to plant.
30. Volunteer at a hospital, senior citizen center, day care, local mission, or homeless shelter.
31. Play chess with a senior citizen.
32. Gather cardboard appliance or moving boxes; create a playhouse or city.
33. Pitch a tent and sleep overnight in the backyard.
34. Keep a journal.
35. Create a medieval sand castle.
36. Learn to play tennis
37. Visit a grandparent to learn how to knit, bake a pie, quilt, carve wood, or play croquet.
38. Budget a given amount of money, attend a garage sale or farmers’ market, and decide how to spend it.
39. Read some mythology or folk tales.
40. Create some puns or jokes and create your own joke book.
41. Do crossword or sudoku puzzles or create your own.
42. Read biographies of persons in careers of interest to you.
43. Join the library teen club or access a college-bound reading list. As a family, read books aloud; start with the Newbury Award winners.
44. Make a new friend.
45. Learn a computer program new to you.
46. Hold a family meeting; discuss household chores and upcoming family activities.
47. Study the map of a favorite vacation spot; create your own maps of real or imaginary places.
48. Plan a family vacation that includes a visit to a college campus.
49. Create a work of art in a medium you have not previously explored
50. Do something nice for a family member but don’t get caught doing it.

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