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### 1. SUMMER BUMMER SCAVENGER HUNT

Summertime can be a fun time of the year, but it also can be a bummer!

Here is a fun, silly scavenger hunt to do on one of the sad days when it is rainy.

Instructions/Explanation: Head to your local Walmart or similar store. You and your child will have 20 minutes to find and snap a picture of the things on the list. If you have more than one child, consider bringing another parent/older sibling/adult. To add to the fun, invite another family to come along for some healthy competition.

There is no need to buy anything - the point of the game is to find things.

#### **RULES:**

- Find things in order of the list even if an item is in the same section.
- Start by the main front doors.
- No running or yelling in the store.
- Do not disturb other shoppers.
- Be respectful of the store employees and its' merchandise.

#### **SUPPLIES:**

- Pen
- Scavenger Hunt List
- Phone/Device with a Camera to take pictures and videos.
- Optional: A computer at home to create a slide show/movie to share.

#### **SCAVENGER HUNT LIST**

Summer Bummer Supplies

P= Picture

V=Video

- Cartoon Character Band-Aids (P: Hold them and pretend to cry)
- Umbrella (P: Hold it open and over their head)
- A Grill (V: Pretend to grill and burn the hot dogs)
- Bee Sting Medicine (P: Pretend to be attacked by bees)
- A Rescue Ring/Floatie (P: Put around the waist)
- Sunburn Lotion (P: Pretend to put it on)
- Sunglasses (P: A selfie of everyone wearing sunglasses)
- Wallet (P: Everyone showing an empty wallet)
- Poison Ivy Medicine (V: Someone pretending to itch)
- Teddy Bear (V: An adult pretending to be "attacked" by a bear)
- Clif Bar (P: someone pretending to hang from a cliff)
- Compass (P: someone looks like they are lost)
- Rubber Snake (P: someone looks like they are scared)
- The Front Entrance of the Store (V: everyone waving good-bye!)

## 2. KIDZ KARNIVAL

A new fun, creative spin on the old money-making summer lemonade stand. Instead of just making a lemonade stand, have your family create a front yard “Kidz Karnival.” Work together as a family to come up with 5-6 fun games and challenges that people can stop by and play for a small charge. It will be sure to be a hit with other kids in the neighborhood and even adults.

Take a couple of days to plan, create, and set up this fun and exciting family “event” to allow your children to make a few dollars this summer. Use some of the classic carnival games or ones from local church/school events. Have a brainstorm session and create new ones as a family.

### **SAMPLE IDEAS:**

- Bottle Bowling: Create a bowling game using 2-liter bottles and a ball.
- Target Shooting: A nerf gun and some plastic cups.
- Toss It: Ping pong balls and a small bucket.
- Face It: Cut a hole in a big box or piece of cardboard and give people a chance to throw a soft, wet sponge at the face gently.

### **PRIZES:**

Buy an inexpensive bag of candy to give away as prizes for “winners.”

### **PRICES:**

.25 cents a game or opportunity.

### **OPTIONAL:**

- Food: Have a lemonade stand and add something like cookies or popcorn for the kids to sell.
- Make it a Fundraiser: Instead of kids keeping the money, consider having them give it to their church for scholarships to camp, a building project or a particular missionary.
- As a family, consider using the money to start sponsoring a child from a ministry like Compassion International.

## 3. LOCAL TOURISTS

A quick Google search of the area surrounding your city will turn up hidden gems within a short drive. Research to find some history of your local community, region, county or state.

Plan the trip like you were a real tourist coming to your area to check out the sites and locations. Bring some money along to buy souvenirs and lunch. Consider extending the trip overnight by booking a local hotel room.

Purchase postcards of the locations and send to grandparents or friends to say, “Wishing You Were Here.” Take plenty of pictures for a trip full of ADVENTURE!

## 4. BREAKING RECORDS

Check out Guinness Book of World Records Kids ( <https://kids.guinnessworldrecords.com/> ) or Record Setters ( <https://recordsetter.com/family-world-records> ) for some record-breaking family fun this summer. As a family, you can make the summer super fun and unforgettable by breaking a world record or two!

**Here are just a few that you should consider breaking as a family:**

- Longest Moonwalk in an Hour (3.5 Miles)
- Fastest Time To Duct Tape Your Child to a Wall (28 Seconds)
- Most M&M Eaten While Blindfolded Using Chopsticks (20)

Most Leapfrog Jumps in 30 Seconds (32)  
Most Sticky Notes on Your Face in 1 Minute (58)  
Most T-shirts Put on in 1 Minute (31)  
Fastest Time Assembling a Mr. Potato Head While Blindfolded (16.7 Seconds)  
Most Coins Stacked in 30 Seconds (51)  
Most Dominos Stacked in 30 Seconds (48)

Take pictures and videos to document failures, misses, and possibly the big record-breaking moment! It may take all summer, but the practice and preparation are sure to be a fun family bonding time!

## 5. TASTE THE WORLD

You may not be able to travel the world this summer, but you may be able to taste it. Parents are always trying to get their kids to try new experiences and new foods. Dedicate part of the summer to tasting ethnic cuisines from around the world.

Purchase a map of the world or print one off online (<https://worldmapwithcountries.net/>).

Do a Google search of restaurants in your surrounding areas that represent different cultures and countries. Plan out the summer to visit one of these restaurants as a family.

Consider seven weeks for seven continents to expand your family's palette without using a Passport.

### Here are a couple of sites to get you started:

- Trip Advisor: <https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-c22-International.html>

- Yelp: <https://www.yelp.com/> (type in "ethnic restaurants" and your area)

Look for restaurants and foods that you and your family have not tried before.

Ask everyone to try a few bites for a culinary adventure.

They might be surprised by what foods they like once they have tried it.