



RKIDS SUMMER BUCKET LIST 2020

Hey Parents!

We know you're busy this summer, and we know you want to spend some quality time with your kids. Here are some ideas for summer fun with your kids! We hope you'll enjoy doing them together!

IN THE BUCKET:

Sidewalk chalk –

As a family write an inspiring note for your neighbors

“Jesus loves you!”

“Have a great day!”

“Love your neighbor!”

Bubbles –

Blow bubbles up to the sky and send a prayer up with them

Dear God, thank you for your love!

God in heaven, thank you for all my blessings!

Dear Jesus, please bless my neighborhood!

Thank you, Lord, for the trees, the birds, butterflies, squirrels, etc.

Baking mix –

On a hot day, stay in and bake something together as a family.

Bonus: wrap it in cellophane with a ribbon, leave it on your neighbors' doorstep with a note. Ring the bell and run!

Popcorn –

Pop outside with your family and your popcorn. Lay on a blanket together and marvel at all the stars God has created.

How many stars can you count? Can you see any planets?

Psalm 8:3

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place

Water Balloons –

You can't have summer without at least one water balloon fight. Water Balloons have a purpose – to be filled with water. Just as God's creation, each of us also has a purpose. Blaise Pascal (17th century French philosopher, mathematician, scientist, inventor, and theologian) said that all men were created with a God shaped vacuum – an emptiness in our lives only GOD can fill. When we try to fill that emptiness with things other than the Living Water, we will always feel empty. We will always be thirsty.

Summer Memory Verse:

Psalm 24:1

The earth belongs to the Lord. And so, does everything in it. The world belongs to Him. And so, do all those who live in it.

Have you ever heard the word “dominion”? If you have dominion, it means that you have control over something. You may have dominion over your bedroom, your toys, even your pets. But God has dominion over all things! That means He rules over everything, has control over everything! And that is good news. Why? Because the earth is a pretty big place, and there are an awful lot of things on it, right? Just walk around your neighborhood and try to name all the things God has made! Then let your mind think about the fact that He is still ruling over it all, making sure all the trees and animals don't just die, making sure the earth doesn't spin out of control and the seas don't dry up. Then say a little prayer and thank Him for His dominion!

Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that you keep control over the earth and everything in it! In your name, amen!

Play catch as a family –

To have fun as a family memorizing the bible verse, play catch with each other. One person starts with the ball, they first word of the bible verse then toss the ball to a family member, and they say the next word in the verse and then toss the ball

to the next family member, etc. Keep tossing the ball around to family member until the entire verse is said and memorized. You can also do this with a soccer ball outside, be creative!

MORE FAMILY FUN STUFF TO DO THIS SUMMER:

How many can you complete?

- Wash the car in the driveway
- Backyard camp out with your family (or living room camping)
- Play baseball or soccer game with family and friends
- Perform a random act of kindness with the whole family
- Take a break from screens for 24 hours
- Have a movie in jammies night
- Have a family game night
- Visit 5 new parks
- Have a picnic in the park as a family- how many things can you see and appreciate that God made?
- Play Frisbee
- Watch the sunset at the lake and praise God for a wonderful day!
- Catch lighting bugs (fireflies)
- Ride your bikes on a trail with your family
- Set a goal to read 3 books together before the end of summer
- Take homemade cookies to the police or fire station near you
- Make birthday cards for grandma, grandpa, uncles and aunts ahead of time and let them know how much you love and appreciate them!
- Pray for the first person who comes to your mind when you wake up in the morning!
- Take time every morning and every night to pray together as a family!
- Start a gratitude journal- write 3 things every day you are grateful for

