

SUMMER

FUN

FAMILY BUCKET LIST

1. Have a water fight! Squirt guns, sprinklers and water balloons—go to town getting wet.
2. Pick a new park, playground or splash pad you've never been to and go explore as a family.
3. Tackle a project at home as a family—maybe it's to organize the garage, clear clutter out of the basement or sort through a closet or two. When you're all done, celebrate with high-fives and popsicles.
4. Grab some lawn chairs and snacks and attend an outdoor concert at a local park.
5. Visit the Bodine State Fish Hatchery on the St. Joseph River in Mishawaka. Take a self-guided tour and see how the DNR has created a world-class trout and salmon fishery. Enjoy a walk afterward along the River Walk.
6. Register your kids for the "Kids Bowl Free" program at Strikes and Spares in Mishawaka. Kids get two free games every day starting May-October. Go bowling as a family!
7. Visit the Potawatomi Zoo as a family. Make a list of stuff you want to look for when you're there, in the car on the way, and see how many creatures on your list you can find.
8. Take the kids to Kids Spark in the Park at Potawatomi Park: a fun morning of FREE interactive games, presentations, music, art projects and STEM-based educational activities.
9. Every Friday in the summer from 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., you can check out the assortment of food trucks and get lunch at the Jon Hunt Plaza in front of the Morris Performing Arts Center in South Bend. Bring the kids for lunch or a treat and enjoy some of the outdoor entertainment and music happening as part of Fridays by the Fountain.
10. Get the fixings for s'mores and make them at home (whether you have a camp fire/fire pit or not)! All you need is an oven where you can toast your marshmallows on a baking sheet for a few minutes.
11. Visit the Shirojiwi Niwa Gardens in Mishawaka and take pictures on the red bridges together.
12. Walk through the South Bend Farmers Market.
13. Try the Edge Adventures Ropes Course at Rum Village Park in South Bend.
14. Visit the Studebaker Museum and learn more about some of our area's history.
15. Go pick fruit together at a local orchard. Make something yummy for dessert from all your hard work!
16. Visit your closest library or venture to a new one to enjoy picking out new books.
17. Watch the sun set.
18. Have a fancy family date night: get dressed up in your nicest clothes, set the table, light candles and add background music. Practice holding open doors, pulling out chairs and treating one another with extra grace and honor.
19. Declare one night Family Game Night and pull out a variety of games and snacks and get to playing!
20. Make your own popsicles. Get creative with using juices, blending up new concoctions together and then tasting your creations.
21. Attend a South Bend Cubs game for Triple Play Tuesday, where you'll get a ticket, hot dog and soft drink for \$12.

22. Use sidewalk chalk to write encouraging notes and messages to your neighbors on neighborhood sidewalks.
23. Camp in the backyard—throw up your tent, get out the sleeping bags and make some memories.
24. Make a painter's tape racetrack in the driveway or a patio and let the kids create a whole town.
25. Host your own family Lego Master's challenge: Give each kid something to make and let them build. Make up fun sticky note awards afterward to hand out.
26. Make a giant blanket fort.
27. Play "The Floor is Lava" in a parent-approved space, inside or out.
28. Go mini golfing.
29. Make a time capsule about your family and bury it in your yard or in a closet, to be retrieved at a later date.
30. Set up a lemonade stand.
31. Do a family workout outside in the yard.
32. Go to Generations Adventureplex where you can enjoy family fun and amusement attractions. Using the coupon code **GCC2021** you and your family will receive 10% off of attractions through July 31, 2021.
33. Go stargazing.
34. Try playing disc golf at the Granger Campus' course.
35. Pick a neighbor or friend to go and serve—ask first, of course—but go mow, pick up sticks, power wash or do other outside jobs to help them out and make their workload a little lighter.
36. Wash the car as a family.
37. Host an old-fashioned potluck in your yard and invite family or neighbors.
38. Catch lightning bugs.
39. Go for a hike.
40. Try out geocaching.
41. Enjoy a beach day.
42. Make a family summer music playlist of your favorite worship songs.
43. Rainy day? Throw on a rain coat and boots (or go barefoot) and let everyone splash.
44. Set up a homemade obstacle course.
45. Visit a local pool for a pool day.
46. Get out paints, crayons and markers for an art party—paint canvases, paper or even a white tablecloth.
47. Bubbles! Set up a bubble station and see who can make the most or the biggest bubbles.
48. Do a Bible reading challenge together as a family this summer—decide to read a few chapters together aloud or memorize some new verses together.
49. Have a fun taste test: Round up the family and your favorite desserts, drinks or condiments. Get a blindfold and see if you can properly identify some summer treats without looking. No peeking!
50. Try a family outing to Espin VR in Mishawaka to experience some virtual reality games together. Using the coupon code **GCC20**, GCC families can get 20% off for two players and 25% off for four players using the code **GCC25** for online bookings or phone reservations. Coupons are valid through the end of August, 2021.

