

# 101 things to do with your kids this summer (Catholic edition)

Have items to add to this list? Leave a comment, and we'll add it in!

1. Get a whole bunch of cardboard boxes from the store and let kids build and create with them
2. Make giant bubble wands
3. Play flashlight tag
4. Chalk simple Sudoku puzzles for older kids to solve on your driveway or sidewalk
5. Make up your own board game
6. Collect leaves and flowers and press them in books
7. Memorize a Scripture verse every week
8. Wash the car
9. Run a lemonade stand
10. Learn how to do a new household chore
11. Write letters to your elected officials about an issue that is important to you
12. Have a dance party with Christian music and refreshments
13. Find 10 different types of bugs
14. Take older kids on a field trip to city hall, the state capitol, or your local courthouse to see government at work
15. Celebrate the Solemnity of the [Assumption of Mary](#) (August 15) by going to Mass and eating herbs
16. Keep a bird watching list
17. Make your own comic strip series
18. Make homemade colored play dough
19. Make a backyard weather station and keep a weather diary
20. Write letters to Pope Francis
21. Celebrate the Solemnity of the [Most Sacred Heart of Jesus](#) (June 12) with devotions, Sacred Heart cupcakes,

and valentines from Jesus

22. Make your own book of prayers
23. Make puppets and put on a show depicting the life of a saint
24. Play hopscotch
25. Write letters to far-away friends and relatives (or better yet, make care packages)
26. Ask to take a tour of your local newspaper or television station
27. Let kids brainstorm chores they would like to do around the house (beyond regular chores), and negotiate a "fee" for their service
28. Visit a museum
29. Go to daily Mass
30. Celebrate the Feast of St. John Vianney (August 4) by having a fundraising garage sale for your favorite charitable cause
31. Make homemade musical instruments and then make a band
32. Go stargazing (bring along Bible verses about the stars)
33. Celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola (July 31) by praying an Ignatian Examen
34. Make balloon rockets
35. Have kids scavenge their belongings for items to donate to the local thrift store, with the promise that they can purchase an item for every two they get rid of
36. Go grocery shopping for your local food shelf, and have kids decorate the grocery bags
37. Celebrate the Feast of [St. Kateri Tekakwitha](#) by learning about the Native American peoples in your area
38. Decorate a tree or bush, Christmas-tree style, in honor of the Fourth of July
39. Make a bird feeder
40. Visit an animal shelter
41. Make a family prayer table or decorate the one you have with special objects
42. Have kids make and decorate their own summer calendars, and let them fill them in with activities and events

they think up themselves

43. Make a pilgrimage
44. Let kids decorate brown paper grocery bags before taking them grocery shopping
45. Learn the principles of painting an icon, and then paint an icon of your favorite saint
46. Identify 10 different types of rock found in your area
47. Make an outdoor prayer space and decorate it with found items, homemade wind chimes, flowers, and more
48. Practice the seven corporeal works of mercy
49. Do [\*lectio divina\*](#) with a nature sit spot
50. Clean out, organize, and decorate your bedroom
51. Buy washable window markers and let kids decorate the window with the name and symbol of the saint of the day
52. Play hide the button (or penny)
53. Make homemade ice cream or slushies
54. Go to Eucharistic adoration
55. Celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29) by going on your own missionary journey
56. Play balloon bouncing games
57. Read a book of the Bible that your kids haven't heard before and put on a play
58. Make juice popsicles
59. Plan a kids' Olympics—have kids practice all morning, then hold the games after lunch
60. Make fairy houses
61. Celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ by making homemade bread and going to [Eucharistic Adoration](#)
62. Help your kids make and keep a container garden
63. Chalk the driveway/sidewalk
64. Have kids study the mission of the saints, then come up with their own spiritual mission statement, along with a coat of arms or personal logo and/or motto
65. Learn a survival skill (what to do if you are lost, first aid, CPR, how to ask for help, changing a tire)
66. Listen to audiobooks from your library

67. Celebrate the Feast of St. Augustine (August 28) by having kids write their spiritual autobiography—either a true one (their lives up until now) or the one they would like to be able to write when they are “old”
68. Reproduce a famous painting in chalk on the driveway/sidewalk
69. Make a neighborhood parade
70. Read as many Newberry or Caldecott award-winning books as you can
71. Receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
72. Identify and forage wild edible plants in your area, then make a meal incorporating them
73. Let kids make a hidden treasure hunt for younger siblings or neighborhood friends
74. Join a citizen science project
75. Make elaborate paper airplanes and have flying contests
76. Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel by telling her story over caramel treats
77. Try praying the Liturgy of the Hours
78. Let older kids make a neighborhood newsletter featuring interviews with neighbors
79. Go geocaching or letterboxing
80. Find a foreign pen pal using an online pen pal finder
81. Work your way through a prayer book by saying a new prayer every day
82. Have a picnic somewhere special
83. Make a book (and maybe publish it using an online self-publishing service)
84. Memorize a new prayer
85. Spend a rainy day visiting different area churches in a stained glass scavenger hunt
86. Make homemade boats to float in a kiddie pool or local pond
87. Teach your kids how to make a new recipe
88. Have a bonfire with s’mores
89. Make a tie dye t-shirt or decorate a t-shirt with fabric markers

90. Collect litter in your neighborhood or park
91. Let your kids plan and make lunch or dinner
92. Tour your local fire station
93. Run silly races (rolling, backwards, crab walking, etc.)
94. Celebrate the Feast of St. Martha (July 29) by taking the day off from all household chores
95. Identify 10 trees in your neighborhood
96. Identify 10 birds in your neighborhood
97. Celebrate the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 22) by making crowns of wildflowers
98. Blow up balloons and let them go without tying them
99. Learn a new card game
100. Celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6) and mark the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima by praying the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary with the intention for peace
101. Make the most awesome peanut butter and jelly sandwich ever