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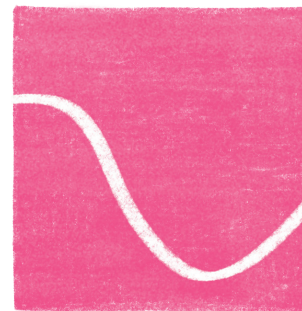
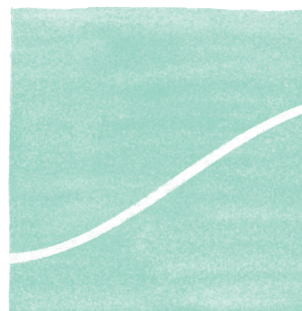


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Summer Challenge:

MARRIAGE EDITION

BY ANDREA GUTIERREZ

Conquer this list of fun to-do's to help you connect with your spouse



Print & fold this booklet in half and enjoy the 40 ideas to help you capture meaningful moments with your spouse. These fun to-do's aren't in any order, so skip around this list to see if you can check off all of them before summer ends.



At Home and at Church

- ☐ Play "your song" and sing along.
- ☐ Come up with an odd ingredient to inspire tonight's dinner. Prepare the dish together.
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- ☐ Pray for your pastor.
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☐ *Do a chore* around the house together that your spouse or you usually handle alone.

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- ☐ Create a new beverage concoction and dare each other to take a sip.
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In the Neighborhood

- ☐ Pick up trash around your neighborhood together. Don't forget to bring a bag!

- ☐ Picnic at every park in your neighborhood.

- ☐ Search for the silliest item at a garage sale. Buy it for your spouse as an end-of-summer gift.

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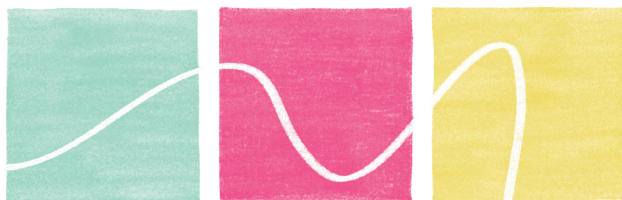
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