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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.
- Plant a tree in honor of a loved one.

- Pray for your pastor.
- Give your spouse the gift of a night off, whether to relax at home or for a chance to get out of the house for quiet time or time with friends.
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Do a chore around the house together that your spouse or you usually handle alone.

Agree to secretly do something nice for the other person. Leave hints about what you want your spouse to discover.

- Create a new beverage concoction and dare each other to take a sip.
- Drop by your spouse's workplace for a surprise lunch date.
- Choose a favorite Scripture to become your family's summer verse.

- Meet a new fellow congregant together.
- Attend service at a new time or sit somewhere new.
- Invite friends to your house for appetizers, prayer and worship.

- Hide encouraging notes in your spouse's Bible, latest book or briefcase.
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- Gaze at the stars, marvel at God's majesty and dream about the future.

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- Share the Gospel together with a stranger, family member or friend.
- Scour your memorabilia for a photo of the two of you. Enlarge it for your wall. If it's a throwback, all the better!



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.

Play at a playground with your kids or nieces and nephews. Who says you're too old to swing or slide?

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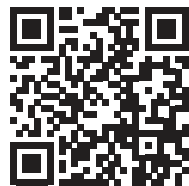
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