

ANCHORING FAMILIES THROUGH STORIES

Easy, No-Prep Games

Two Truths and a Lie: Share two true statements and one false one about yourself or family stories. Can others guess the lie?

Family Trivia: Ask questions about family history or fun facts. Who knows the most?

Who Am I?: Act out or describe a family member for others to guess.

Charades: Act out funny family moments or traditions.

Guess the Relative: Describe someone in the family without saying their name.

Never Have I Ever: Family Edition: Share what you've never done; see who can relate!

Story Chain: Create a collaborative family tale one sentence at a time.

Memory Game: Take turns listing items in "Grandpa's trunk," adding one each round.

Telephone: Whisper a family-related sentence and see how it changes around the circle.

Musical Chairs Storytime: When the music stops, the person without a chair shares a quick family memory.

Digital Activities

Google Maps Ancestral Tour: Use Google Maps or Earth to explore places where your ancestors lived.

Create a Digital Family Map: Plot key family events and locations using Google My Maps.

Ancestor Time Machine on FamilySearch: Explore what life was like for ancestors during specific time periods using FamilySearch's tools.

Compare-a-Face on FamilySearch: Upload a photo of yourself to see which ancestor you resemble most.

Photo Enhancer and Colorizer on MyHeritage: Upload old black-and-white photos to enhance or add color to them.

Animate Photos on MyHeritage: Use the "Deep Nostalgia" tool to animate ancestors' photos.

Relative Finder on BYU Family History Labs: Discover your connection to celebrities and historical figures.

Ancestor Games on BYU Family History Labs: Play ancestor trivia games or quizzes based on your family tree.

Activities for Ages 3-7

Story Time with Family Tales: Share a family story as a bedtime tale.

Family Finger Puppets: Act out moments using simple puppets made from paper or socks.

Family Tree Coloring Pages: Let kids color a simple family tree while learning names.

Photo Matching Game: Match old family photos to modern family members.

Sing Family Songs: Teach favorite family songs or create one about your family.

Dress-Up Storytelling: Act out a family memory using dress-up clothes.

Family Treasure Hunt: Hide objects connected to family stories and give clues.

Grandparent Interview Drawing: Ask a relative a question and let the child draw their response.

Make a Family Collage: Use photos or magazine clippings to create a family-themed collage.

Create a Story Chain: Start a family story, and let kids add to it with their imagination.

Activities for Ages 8-12

Create a Comic Book: Illustrate a family event or tradition.

Family Trivia Game: Research family stories and create a trivia quiz.

DIY Time Capsule: Collect today's memories for future discovery.

Family Recipe Challenge: Cook a dish tied to family traditions.

Ancestor Research: Use online tools to uncover fun facts about an ancestor.

Map It Out: Plot family locations on a map and research those areas.

Storyboard a Family Story: Draw or write out a sequence of family events.

Family Scrapbook: Start a scrapbook with photos, captions, and keepsakes.

Digital Storytelling: Make a slideshow or video about family memories.

Family Talent Show: Share talents or traditions inherited from ancestors.

Activities for Ages 13-18

Create a Podcast: Record interviews or reflections on family stories.

Film a Family Documentary: Use a phone to capture family members' stories.

Write a Family Blog: Share meaningful memories or histories online.

Host a Family Story Slam: Share your favorite family moments in 2 minutes or less.

Explore Family History Apps: Use tools like FamilySearch to uncover new stories.

Design a Graphic Novel: Illustrate a family member's life story.

Animate a Family Story: Create a short animated story using apps like FlipaClip.

Recreate Old Photos: Match poses from old family pictures in today's setting.

Start Social Media Project: Create posts or videos about family traditions

Write Flash Fiction or Poetry: Use family story as inspiration for a creative story.