



## BUCKET LIST...with my Children & Grandchildren

1. Attend VBS! Lots of volunteer positions for you to be involved with them.
2. Set up a lemonade stand. Make unusual flavors like apple lemonade and pineapple lemonade along with the traditional favorite.
3. Stare at clouds. Make up stories about what you see. *(don't forget the sunscreen)*
4. Catch frogs. *(not the eating kind)*
5. Make one super-duper ice-cream sundae *(don't forget the whipped cream, cherries, and two spoons please)*
6. Go on a nature walk in the Big Thicket, pointing out bugs, trees, birds, and butterflies. Bring binoculars. Maybe collect fireflies in a jar. *(we called them lightn' bugs)*
7. Both Home Depot and Lowe's have children's "build it" workshops usually twice a month. Real wooden toys or crafts. Lots of fun!
8. Play catch until it's too dark to see the ball.
9. Read children's bible stories to them.
10. Build a bird house and; or maybe a tree house. *(when you get to M&D Supply, Parker Lumber, Orange County Building Supply, or Ritter Lumber... be sure to grab some FREE popcorn)*
11. Go on a picnic, even if you travel no farther than your backyard. Set out a blanket.
12. Teach them a hobby you love: crocheting, guitar, woodworking, cooking, etc.
13. Go swimming in a body of water that they've never experienced.
14. Build an outdoor tepee from old sheets and a few poles.
15. Spend a day at the library.
16. Take a Sunday drive to Woodville and eat at the "Pickett House". *(mmmmmm!!!!!!!)*
17. Go to a museum exhibit around town. Don't forget the Firehouse Museum in Beaumont.
18. Head to Galveston and spend a day at the beach. Build sand castles and mud pies and let them bury you in the sand. Take the Bolivar Ferry. This will also give you a chance to have that half-hour cruise you couldn't afford...The seagulls like to be fed. *(back of the boat please)*
19. Make up a story, taking turns one sentence at a time. You start the story, and then let them continue it; you take over again, back and forth, until you have an ending.
20. Make puppets with socks and markers, and put on an outdoor show.
21. Visit the Battleship Texas and the San Jacinto Monument. *(a state park with lots of old trees...you'll need to pack a picnic)* Another chance to ride the Lynchburg Ferry. *(FYI: The original ferry was used by the Republic of Texas troops fighting Mexican forces in the Battle of San Jacinto April 1836.)*
22. Run through your sprinkler in the backyard.
23. Set up a scavenger hunt. Get a list of addresses of people in your church. Give them a list of clues to items, such as a coin, a rubber band, etc. Be sure to drive them to each house. *(think safe)*
24. Break out the sidewalk chalk to play hopscotch and draw each other's portrait.
25. Make a craft with glue, cardboard.

26. Plant flowers or vegetables in your garden or in a window box. Get kid-size tools and let'em get dirty.
27. Watch fireworks on July 4th and light your own sparklers.
28. Wash the car; or maybe a neighbors car...always a chance to get wet.
29. Fire up the barbecue grill and do a family cookout. Don't forget the chocolate, graham crackers, and marshmallows for s'mores. Maybe a weenie roast. (*don't forget the Beasley's*)
30. Play with the wind...Fly a kite.
31. Hit a water park. Lumberton/Silsbee, Port Neches, Boomtown, Sulphur, Houston.
32. Make homemade ice cream. Bluebell is great, but homemade rocks because you did it!
33. Climb a tree. Bring a camera.
34. Play "volleyball" with a balloon.
35. Pick wild flowers and practice arranging them in vases around the house.
36. Make jewelry. Even boys like to make bracelets and necklaces with wooden beads; go for sparkly details for girls. Then wear the bling to your next outing.
37. Go camping — Lake Rayburn and Toledo bend is beautiful this time of year, or a stay-cation in the backyard. (*don't forget the fire pit and tikki torches! keeps the skeeters away*)
38. Play miniature golf. Once again: Play miniature golf.
39. Go to the dollar store for some bubbles. Dishwashing soap and water works too.
40. Mow an elderly persons grass.
41. Go for a scenic drive, pointing out the highlights.
42. Make a pitcher of sweet tea. Sit under a shady tree.
43. Set up a Hummingbird feeder.
44. Hit a round of pitches at the batting cage.
45. Make a hanging mobile with string, old magazine pages, straws, paper clips, and ribbon. Hang it on the porch or out the window.
46. Go to the park and feed the ducks.
47. Watch a sunset and a sunrise. You'll be amazed at Gods beauty.
48. Taste a honeysuckle.
49. Go fishing. They may like to play more than fish but it'll be fun.
50. Skim pebbles, or really perfect flat rocks, across a pond or lake.
51. Go row-boating or canoeing down Village Creek. Grab an inner tube.
52. Go bowling or set one up in your backyard, using household items — such as empty soda cans and thin paperbacks — that you can easily knock over with an inflatable ball.
53. Go to a garage sale. Better yet, have one yourself and donate the proceeds to missions at church!!
54. Go to a farmer's market.
55. Find volunteer opportunities either helping people out of the heat or something outdoors. It's a great season to be the hands and feet of Jesus.
56. Go to the zoo. Besides Houston; Lufkin has a great one.
57. Get on a boat. Whether you're paddling, rowing, skiing, swimming, fishing, or sailing.

**JUST HAVE FUN MEMORIES**