

50 FUN FALL ACTIVITIES



1. Visit the farmers market to pick up some fresh squash and make [these squash recipes](#) for fall.
2. Go on a scenic fall drive.
3. Volunteer as a family at a community outreach.
4. Host a chili cook-off.
5. Pack an [Operation Christmas Child](#) shoebox.
6. Mix up Friendsgiving with different foods than you'd have at a traditional Thanksgiving!
7. Take [these fall dips](#) to your next football tailgate!
8. Write a letter of gratitude to yourself about what you're thankful for this year to open in the future.
9. Create a "thankful" scroll with kraft paper to hang on the wall or use a table runner. As a family project, continue to add things you are grateful for all throughout the year.
10. Take a nature prayer walk.
11. Friday night lights! Support your local high school football team, even if you don't know anyone on the team.
12. Have a cup of mulled cider and enjoy a campfire.
13. Create a [gratitude tree](#) and add to it each day or invite friends or family to contribute.
14. Visit a local park and have a picnic.
15. Drive around and look at the changing leaves.
16. Take a tour of an old town.
17. Host a hotdog/weenie roast for a youth group or friends.
18. Pick up some pumpkins and carve or etch designs into them—even have a contest.
19. Gather pumpkins, squash, and mums and make a yard or porch decoration. This would be especially meaningful to shut-ins, but don't forget to go back and take them away when it's time.
20. Collect a bouquet of pretty leaves.
21. Have an old-fashioned hayride in the country—with hot chocolate and cookies.
22. Organize a group of volunteers for leaf raking in the yards of the elderly or shut-ins.
23. Collect some pumpkins and have a pumpkin bashing (think piñata rolling on the ground). Award a plastic pumpkin filled with candy.
24. Knock out the Christmas cards before Halloween and have a lower-stress December. Involve the whole family in stuffing and addressing!
25. Make Thanksgiving dinner from scratch and involve your kids in the process. Assign each child a dish and patiently guide the kids through it, allowing them to be hands-on and do most of the work themselves. You'll be amazed at how they take ownership and how many lasting memories you create together.

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26. Make a dish inspired by a storybook or cartoon. Try something fun like orange eggs and ham (as a fall substitute for *Green Eggs and Ham*), stone soup, gummiberry juice (from *Adventures of the Gummi Bears*), strawberry shortcake, or spaghetti after reading *On Top of Spaghetti*. Read the book or watch the episode and cook the dish with your kids—it should be as hands on as possible for them.
27. Kick things off with a dance party to Matthew West’s “Gobble Gobble.” Crank up the music and let loose! It’s a fun and silly way to get everyone laughing and moving together.
28. Visit a pumpkin patch and have a photoshoot.
29. Go apple picking.
30. Host a book swap to get in the mood to spend cozy fall nights reading.
31. Attend a local fall festival.
32. Head to the farmers market and pick out only food you haven’t tried before.
33. Bake your favorite fall-themed treats like pumpkin bread, apple pie, and so forth.
34. Host a bonfire night with roasted marshmallows, cider, or hot dogs.
35. For toddlers, draw your favorite fall-themed shapes with sidewalk chalk.
36. For little kids, create a fall-themed sensory bin: dry corn, small pumpkins, pinecones, scoops, and little toys.
37. Make caramel apples with friends or family.
38. Make homemade applesauce.
39. Attend an autumn parade in costume.
40. Make some [leaf rubbing](#) crafts.
41. Make an autumn-scented candle.
42. Organize a community service project to do as a small group or with your family at a local ministry.
43. Gather friends to attend a [fall Lifeway Women event](#).
44. Host an outdoor bring-your-favorite soup night for your neighborhood.
45. Go on a prayer walk through your neighborhood.
46. Host a quiet night to gather around the fire and bring your favorite books to read.
47. Create a gratitude playlist with songs about thanksgiving.
48. Gather a small group to study [Grateful](#) together.
49. Prepare fall goodie bags for teachers to bless them as they are halfway through the fall semester.
50. Pick out an autumn-themed puzzle and do it together as a family.