

# the FAMILY FUN box

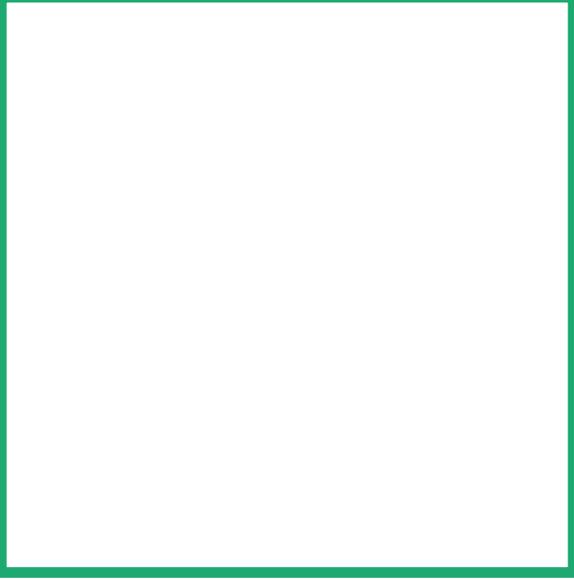
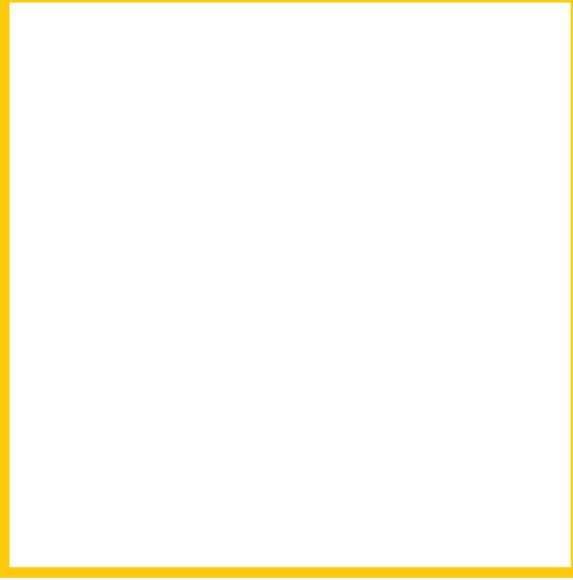
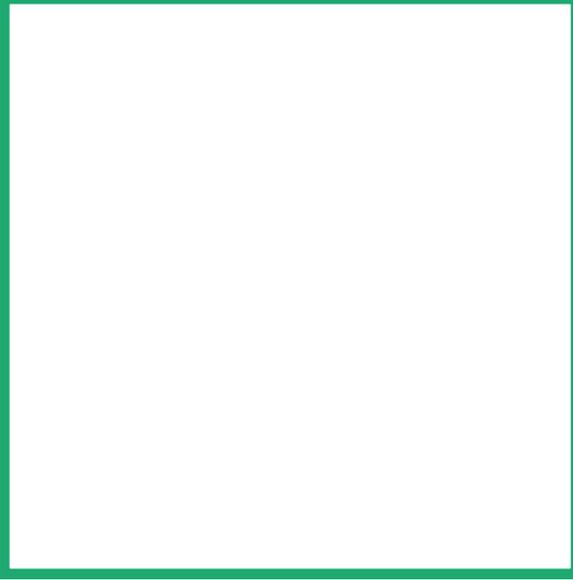
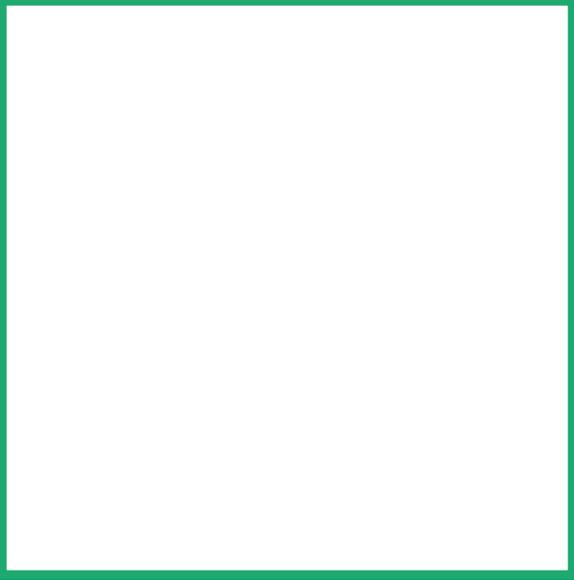
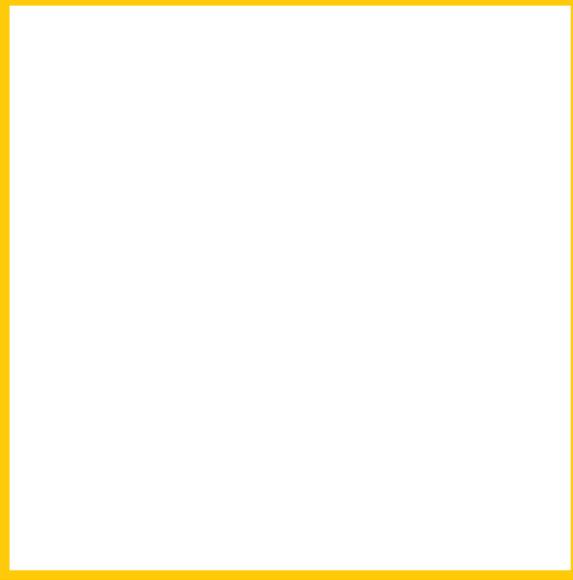


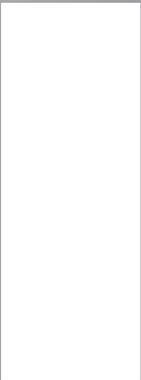
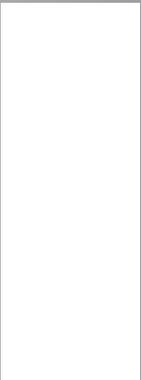
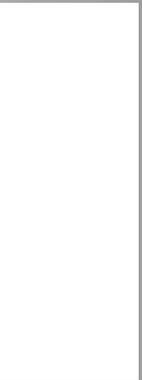
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Glue these squares to the inside of each section of the box to make it thicker and sturdier.



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We all need to feel like we belong somewhere and that we are important to others. The FAMILY FUN box helps parents create that sense of belonging. It gives every member a voice and makes them feel respected. Have everyone write down their ideas for FAMILY FUN on the idea cards and put them into the box. You can write it for the little ones or they can draw their own pictures.

## FAMILY FUN

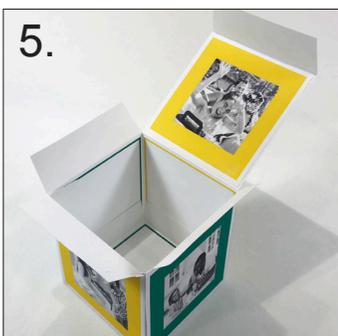
On Friday night, someone picks out one idea and announces which activity the family will enjoy together over that weekend. Everyone must participate, even if it's a tea party with bears or building Legos. Now you have a simple, but powerful, way to connect and make everyone believe he or she is an important, respected, and valued member of the family.



## RESPECT

Use this opportunity to talk about the simple concept of respect. Explain how we are each individuals with different interests, different opinions, different likes/dislikes, and especially, different ways of looking at life. Even having fun isn't something everyone in a family can agree upon. Respect is about acknowledging and embracing those differences.

# Instructions for The FAMILY FUN Box



**MATERIALS NEEDED:** You'll need paper that is heavier-than-normal weight for printing. Staples has a great Professional Business paper by HP that is 48 lbs and prints beautiful colors on most home printers. You'll also need scissors, a smooth table knife, and a glue stick.

1. Print 1 each of pages 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Print 1 or more copies of page 6, so that you have at least 4-6 FAMILY FUN idea cards for each person. Cut out all items on pages 2 through 6 - on or just inside the grey dotted lines. Fold the two box sections (pages 2 and 3) on all dotted grey fold lines and make a clean crease with your thumbnail or the smooth edge of a table knife.

2. Glue the 6 boxes (on page 4) to the inside of the six box sections (pages 2, 3) to make them sturdier. The box with the photo goes inside the top flap. They are about 1/8" smaller, so center them.

3. Glue the two box sections together (image #3) with the flap from the "family board game" photo section going under the "family bike ride" photo section. Smooth flat with your fingers until dry.

4. Generously glue the two remaining flaps on the "family board game" photo section and attach it to the two sides as shown in image #4. Lay the glued sides down on a hard surface and smooth the flaps flat inside the box with the table knife until dry.

5. Generously glue the two side flaps on the "tea party" photo section and bring it up to attach to the same two sides. Smooth the glued flaps flat inside the box with the table knife until dry.

6. Glue the 3 remaining blank flaps on the 3 sides to the inside of the box. Smooth flat with your fingers until dry. The closed box should look like image #7.

8. Place the FAMILY FUN Idea Cards inside the box so they are easy to find when needed.

9. Glue together the two sections of the introductory fold-out as shown in image #9, making sure you leave the dotted grey fold line visible for folding.

10. Fold and glue the two end sections to the blank side of the second to last sections and then fold the introductory fold-out as you see in image #10.

