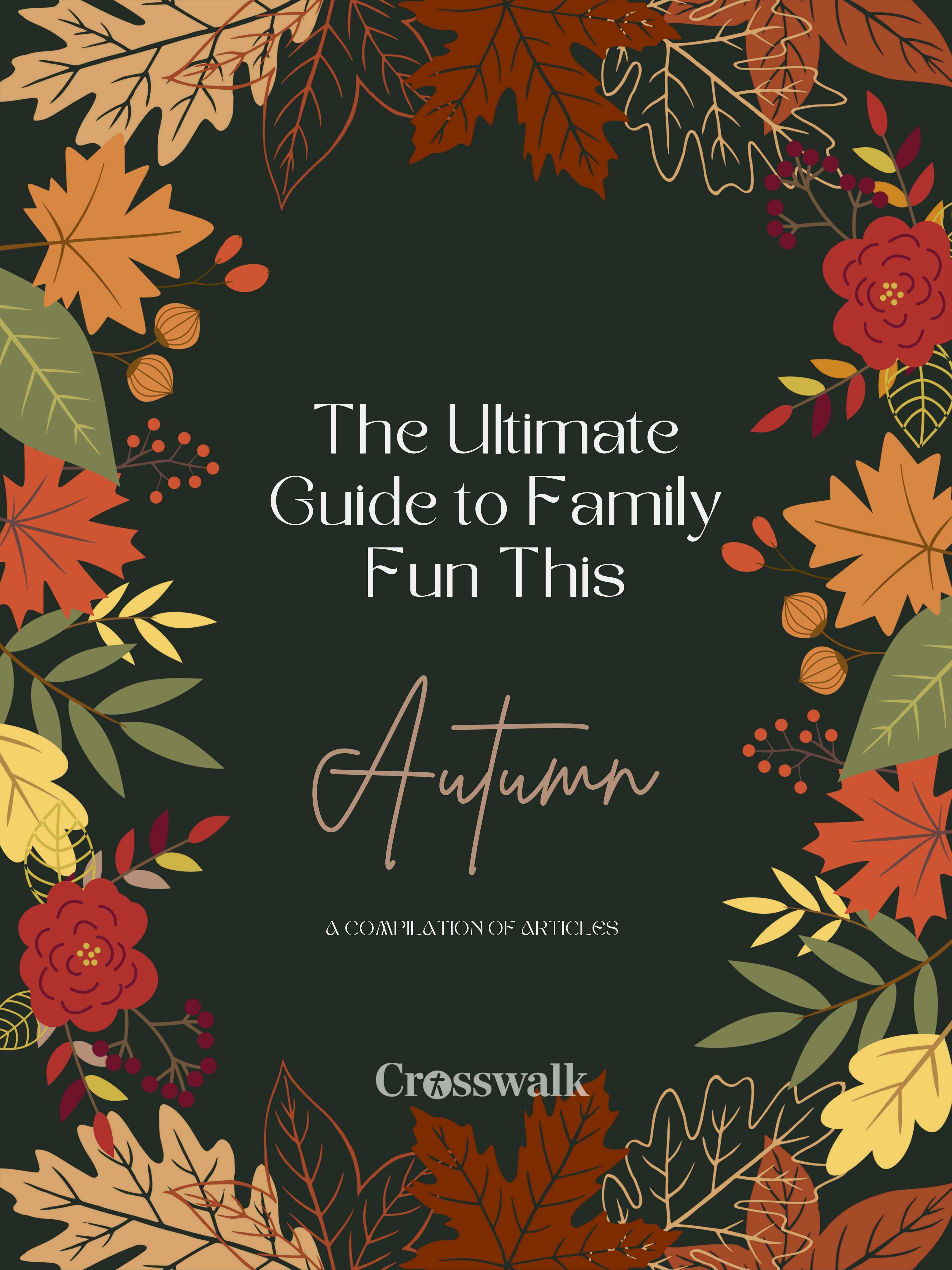




The Ultimate Guide to Family Fun This

Autumn

A COMPILATION OF ARTICLES

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25 ALTERNATIVES TO CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN

BY CARRIE LOWRANCE

1. POTLUCK AND PRAYER NIGHT

Gather your friends and have a potluck. Spend some time praying for those out and about on Halloween night. You can pray for one another as well.

2. CHRISTIAN COSTUME PARTY

Have everyone come dressed as their favorite Bible character. Send out invites a few weeks early so people can plan their costumes.

3. FRIENDS AND FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Have a movie night with lots of snacks and popcorn. Instead of choosing one movie, make it a marathon. Start as early as possible so you can get through them before bedtime.

4. DANCE PARTY

Break out your favorite music and have a dance party. For some extra fun, have awards like “best dancer,” “most flexible dancer,” or “funkiest dancer.” Don’t forget to add some prizes.

5. PIZZA PARTY

Make several kinds of pizzas and have a party. Instead of the traditional pepperoni or sausage, mix it up a little and add a stuffed-crust or raw white pizza (uses Alfredo sauce) or deep-dish pizza.

6. APPLE PARTY

Go bobbing for apples, then make your own caramel or candy-coated apples. You can also add apple baked goods, apple cider, and good old plain apple slices to the mix.

7. GO BOWLING

Take the family and go bowling. This is a great way to have fun and get some exercise in as well.

8. CANDY PARTY

Get several bags of Halloween candy and have a candy party. Put a bowl of each different candy in different rooms throughout your house, and give each kid a bag. Then, line them up and go with them on the candy hunt.

9. ON A FALL PICNIC

Since it will get dark much earlier, have a fall picnic in your house. Spread out a blanket in the living room and eat together. Add some cozy fall food like soup and sandwiches, a fresh salad, and a yummy fall-flavored dessert.

10. ATTEND A FALL FESTIVAL

Many places have fall or harvest festivals with lots of things to do and see. This would be a great way to spend an evening or afternoon.

11. THEME PARTY

Have a party with a theme on Halloween night. Have an 80s party where everyone has to dress like the era, research popular recipes from that time for dinner and dessert, and watch a few movie favorites from back in the day.

12. BACKYARD CARNIVAL

Get together with your Christian friends and neighbors and have a backyard carnival at your house. Ask around and see what kind of outside games people have that you could use. You could also ask if anyone has a popcorn or cotton candy maker. Other ideas include face painting, cooking hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, and renting a bounce house.

13. HARVEST PARTY

Host your own harvest party with your friends. Some activity ideas would be three-legged races, a pumpkin decorating station (with stickers, paint, etc.), and bobbing for apples. Dinner could be a potluck. If you have a bonfire pit, have everyone gather for s'mores, hot cocoa, or apple cider.

14. DECORATE FALL COOKIES

Make some homemade sugar cookie dough and get some fall cookie dough cutters like pumpkins, acorns, squirrels, etc. Allow your kids to cut out the dough using fall cookie cutters and then decorate them after they cool down.

15. FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Go on a fall scavenger hunt together in your neighborhood. For even more fun, bring in friends and family for the event.

16. FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Dust off the board games, break out the cards, and have a family game night. You can play for fun prizes like individually packaged snacks, bottled drinks, or items from the dollar store, or just for fun.

17. PINATA

Even though you may not be trick-or-treating, kids will still get a ton of candy. So, instead of filling the piñata with candy, fill it with toys from the dollar store, coins, one-dollar bills, and homemade coupons. Things like a daddy/daughter date, mom/daughter home spa day, lunch with mom or dad, your favorite meal, favorite dessert, skip a chore for a week, etc.

18. KARAOKE NIGHT

Have a family and friends Karaoke night. You can choose an era of music or let everyone pick and have a good mix. Have some kid tunes on hand, too, so your kids can get in on the fun. You can even have prizes for this in several categories.

19. GO ROLLER SKATING

If you have a roller skating rink in town, go skating. This is a great way to teach your kids something new, show off your moves, and have fun while getting some exercise. It will also help your kids get some of their energy out.

20. FAMILY READING NIGHT

If your family likes to read, spend the night cozied up in bed with a good book. You can read some stories together as a family with the kids, or if you have older children, you can all read in your respective rooms.

21. GO TO THE MOVIES

Pick a family-friendly movie and head to the theater.

22. FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT

Pick out a few fall crafts to do together as a family. You can find all kinds of cool and fun ideas on Pinterest. Another idea is to make a craft they can play with for a while, like homemade playdough, fingerprint, or slime.

23. HOST A SLEEPOVER

Have your kids' best friends over for a sleepover. Cook a kid-friendly meal, plan some activities, let them wind down with a movie, and set a realistic bedtime.

24. FAMILY VIDEO GAME NIGHT

Spend the night as a family playing video games together. Set a timer and spend a specified amount of time playing each game so everyone gets a turn and also gets to play their favorite game. To make things super easy, order (or make) pizza for dinner and ensure you have plenty of snacks on hand.

25. COOKING NIGHT

Spend the night cooking together as a family. Measure the ingredients for your recipe and let your little kids add them as you cook. Older kids can help or cook with another family member with supervision. You can teach your kids how cooking works, and they can learn both math skills and safety skills. Another idea would be to pick up some kid-friendly cookbooks and let them pick out a recipe or make it under your watchful eye.

CREATIVE MOTHER-DAUGHTER DATE IDEAS FOR FALL

Maybe you are ready to relish this season and create some lasting memories with your precious daughter, but you need some ideas. Well, my sweet “girl momma” friend, you have come to the right place. Below, you will find merely a few ideas to get you started. Whether you have a sweet little miss or an adoring adult, there is something to meet every momma and daughter. Nothing is too crazy or costly, as this is more of a means to bond with your sweet girl, keeping it simple yet fun! Taking some time (even briefly) for a festive fall mother/daughter date will cultivate your relationship and be so worth it!

BY ALICIA SEARL



MOMMAS TO TINY TOTS

- Both of you dress up in a cute “fall” outfit & take pictures next to pumpkins.
- Go for a walk and talk about what you see, hear, smell, and feel.
- Read books about Fall, Thanksgiving, & harvest.
- Make homemade applesauce together.
- Do an exploration table (or bin) with corn, leaves, cinnamon sticks, acorns, pinecones, beans, & more.
- Carve a pumpkin & let them feel around the inside.
- Make messy art with fall colors.
- Go to the park and have a picnic.
- Make bath time fun with glow-in-the-dark bath toys.



MOMMAS TO LITTLE LADIES

So, you are a momma to a little lady who may be up for a little more fun. This sweet age generally loves to make crafts, try new things, and explore as they learn more about themselves and the world around them. So, with that, let's seek some activities that will delight both of you!

- Visit a farm or apple orchard.
- Jump in a pile of leaves.
- Have a “tea party” with apple cider or cocoa.
- Make leaf prints, rubbings, or collage.
- Make candied apples or popcorn balls.
- Make a peanut butter pinecone bird feeder.
- Have a spa day and paint your nails fun fall colors.
- Create fall or glow-in-the-dark slime.
- Have a fall scavenger hunt where she looks for “fall-themed” toys or items around the house.
- Paint rocks in fall colors.





MOMS TO TWEENS

Okay, so maybe your kids are a bit older, jumping in leaves isn't so cool anymore, and making crafts seems "babyish." Not a problem. While tweens can sometimes be hard to read as they waffle between wanting to do "kid things" and "grown-up things," let me assure you, there are things to do with your girl that you can both enjoy!



- Get out in nature and go on a hike.
- Create a bonfire and make smores.
- Hit up a craft store and make a fall wreath together.
- Bake a fall dessert like an apple crumble cake or pumpkin sugar cookies.
- Paint a fall picture on canvas.
- Get lost in a corn maze.
- Guess the fall item game. Place certain fall items in cups, cover with a towel, and see if they can tell what it is.
- Roast pumpkin seeds.
- Try your hand at making apple or pumpkin butter.
- Bob for apples and see who gets the most.



MOMS TO TEENS

As a mom currently raising two teenage girls, I get it. This age is filled with many emotions. It's beautiful, tender, and sweet, just as much as it is gut-wrenching, leaving you completely dumbfounded at times. But, while this age may bring a variety of highs and lows, there are some ways to spend time with your girl and create special memories.



- Hit up a local coffee shop and get their seasonal latte.
- Go camping (even if it's just in your backyard).
- Write notes together to deliver to a local hospital or retirement home.
- Invite other moms and daughters (because everything is better with friends, especially for them) and host a movie marathon night with popcorn & lots of candy.
- Pick out pumpkins and create faces on them – let them harness their inner child.
- Have a pumpkin carving contest.
- Go shopping for fall-themed décor or candles for their room.
- Make apple cider together.
- Go to a local place for breakfast and order seasonal food like pumpkin pancakes.
- Do something that speaks her love language and see where that leads. Speak to her heart and do something with her that will meet a need of hers.



A PRAYER FOR YOU & YOUR DAUGHTER

Father,

We are so grateful that You give us beautiful and meaningful connections within the confines of our family. Thank you for the blessing and beauty that is tucked within the relationship between a mother and daughter. I pray that this fall season opens up ways for these two ladies to connect and grow in mutual love, respect, and adoration. Lord, please provide special ways these mothers and daughters can bond, creating lasting memories to cherish and hold dear. I pray hearts are softened as precious memories are shared and made. I ask for grace wrapped in forgiveness if there is any tension or miscommunication and that You lovingly restore hope and offer a pathway to healing if need be. Give each of Your daughters a sense of compassion and a heart that longs to rejoice in their time together as You foster a healthy and peaceful relationship between the two of them. I ask this in your precious name. Amen.

“Everyone who quotes proverbs will quote this proverb about you: ‘Like mother, like daughter.’”

Ezekiel 16:44





6 COMFORT SOUP RECIPES TO TRY THIS FALL

Below are six simply delicious fall "comfort soup" recipes that will be sure to bring some smiles to your little darling's faces and, who knows...maybe even posture their hearts to feeling thankful for His daily bread. Oh, and speaking of bread, there is a scrumptious and easy-to-bake bread recipe, too!



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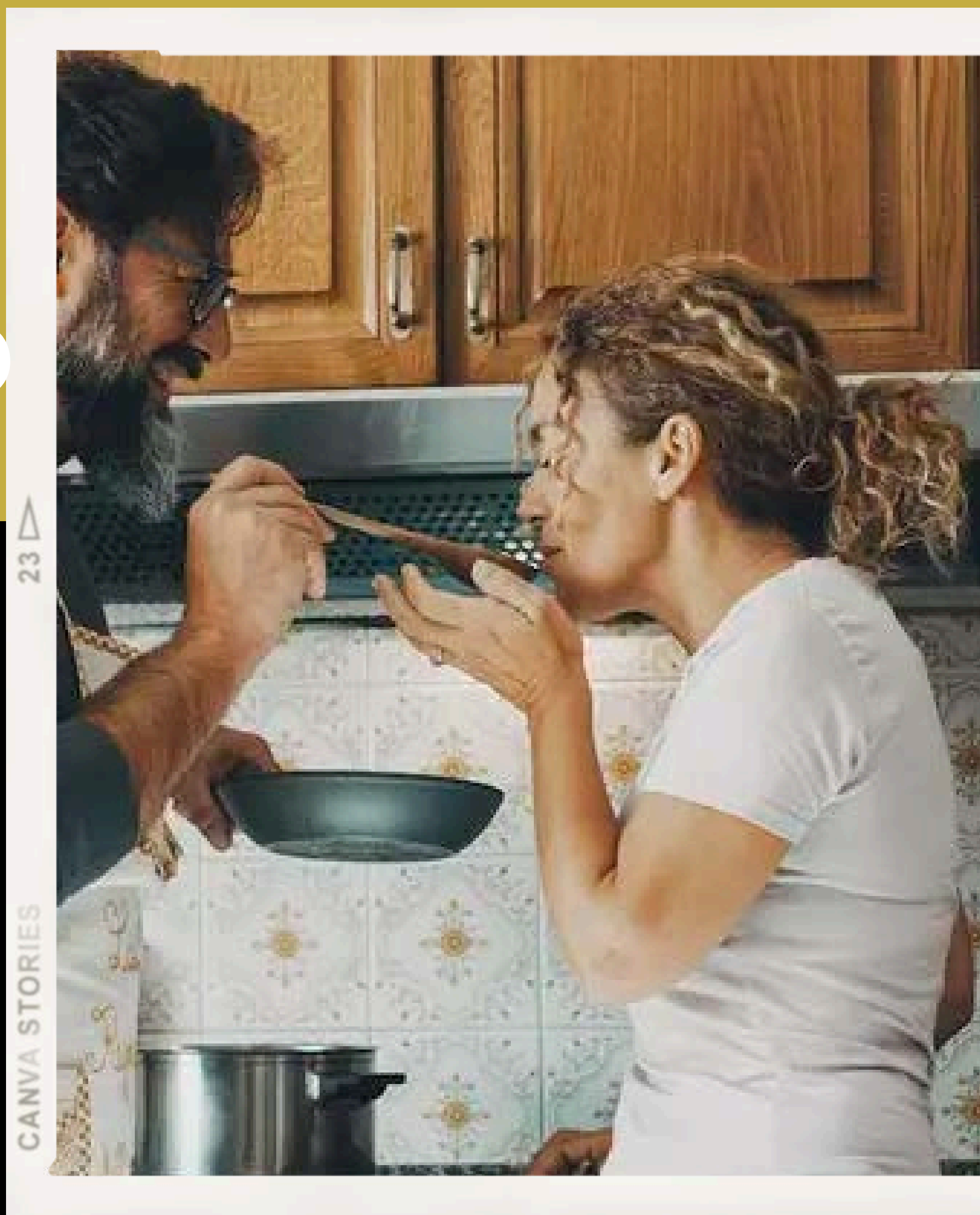
Butternut Squash Soup

INGREDIENTS

- 2-3 medium butternut squash
- 1 onion chopped
- 1 clove garlic minced
- 1/8 tsp. cinnamon
- 6 cups chicken broth
- Heavy cream and toasted pumpkin seed for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut and cube butternut squash and drizzle with olive oil, then toss and sprinkle with salt and pepper and bake for about 30 minutes. While that is baking, sauté onion and garlic in butter until onions are soft. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Once the squash is baked, toss it with the onions and add cinnamon until it is coated throughout. Add chicken stock and simmer for about 2-3 minutes. Remove from stove, place in a blender, and puree until smooth. You can also use an immersion blender and puree right on the stove. Pour into bowls and garnish with drizzling heavy cream and pumpkin seeds. Enjoy!



Creamy Chicken & Dumplings

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs. cooked and shredded chicken breast
- 1 onion chopped
- 1 tsp chopped garlic
- 2-3 chopped celery sticks
- 1 small bag carrots, diced
- 6 cups chicken stock
- 1 pint heavy whipping cream
- 1 can refrigerated biscuits

INSTRUCTIONS

Saute the onions, garlic, carrots, and celery until soft. Add the chicken and sprinkle a healthy dose of salt and pepper and other spices you like, such as poultry seasonings or paprika. Once well blended, add the chicken stock and let simmer on medium heat for about five minutes. While that is simmering, take the biscuits and roll them into balls. Then pour in the heavy whipping cream and add the biscuits. Cook until the biscuits are cooked through, about 10 minutes. Then dish out and serve!



Pumpkin Curry Soup

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tsp. coconut oil
- 1 onion chopped
- 2-3 cloves garlic chopped
- 1 tbsp. Ginger minced
- 3 tbsp. red curry paste
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 2 tbsp. almond butter
- 1 can pumpkin puree
- ½ tsp. coconut or brown sugar
- 1 tsp. cumin
- ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 cups coconut milk
- Fresh cilantro or green onions for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

In a stockpot or Dutch oven, cook coconut oil, onion, and garlic on medium heat until translucent. Then add the ginger and curry paste and stir until blended. Mix the vegetable broth and almond butter in a small bowl until mixed thoroughly, then add to the stockpot. Cook for about 2 minutes, and then add the pumpkin, coconut sugar, cumin, cayenne, and salt and pepper to taste. Cook for another 5 minutes. Then remove from heat, place in blender (or use an immersion blender here), and puree until smooth. Add coconut milk to blender to balance out the flavor and thin it out a bit. Keep adding coconut milk until you achieve desired consistency. Serve in bowls with cilantro or green onion to garnish and sip in the taste of autumn!



Taco Soup

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 onion chopped
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 package of dry ranch dressing
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 can diced tomatoes with chilis
- 1 can tomato sauce
- 1 can beef broth
- 1 can corn
- 1 can black beans
- Optional: tortilla chips, sour cream and cheddar cheese

INSTRUCTIONS

Brown beef, onion, and garlic in a stockpot. Then add the dry ranch and taco seasoning mixes and coat the meat mixture well. Then add the rest of the canned ingredients and cook for about 10 minutes, and that's it! Serve with tortilla chips, sour cream, and cheddar cheese on top. Simple and so yummy!



Potato & Corn Chowder with Bacon

INGREDIENTS

- 1 onion chopped
 - 1 celery rib sliced
 - 1 garlic clove chopped
 - ½ tsp. thyme, garlic salt, paprika
 - 3-4 medium potatoes cut into small cubes
 - 2 cups frozen corn
 - 3-4 cups chicken or beef stock
 - 1 can creamed corn
 - ¾ cup heavy whipping cream
- Garnish with green onions, cheese, and more bacon!

INSTRUCTIONS

Start by covering your potatoes in water and bringing them to a boil. It will take about 15-20 minutes for them to get soft. In the meantime, cook a package of bacon in another stockpot or Dutch oven. Keep the bacon drippings in the pot as your oil reserve and base for your soup. However, if it is too much (if it covers way more than the base of the pan), remove some and save for another recipe; bacon grease is good for many things! Now, add the onion, celery, garlic, and seasonings and cook until soft and transparent. Once the potatoes are done, drain them and place them in the pot with the onions. Add the frozen corn and stock. Let cook for about 10 minutes or so. Then add the cream corn and heavy whipping cream and simmer for another 5 minutes. Pour into bowls and garnish with your favorite toppings and lots of bacon!



White Bean Chicken Chili

INGREDIENTS

- 1 onion chopped
- 2 cloves garlic chopped
- 2 cans chicken broth
- 1 can diced green chilis
- ½ tsp cumin, paprika, dried oregano, cayenne pepper
- 1 8 oz package cream cheese
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1 can white cannellini beans
- 1 lb. cooked and shredded chicken
- 1 tsp. limes and lime juice
- Optional Toppings: cilantro, avocado, Monterrey jack cheese, limes

INSTRUCTIONS

Sautee onion and garlic for about 3-4 minutes, then add chicken broth, canned chilis, and all the spices, along with a dash/sprinkle of salt and pepper. Bring mixture to a boil, then reduce heat to med-low and cook for about 15 minutes. Meanwhile, drain the beans and cube the cream cheese. Then, add them to the pot, along with the corn and chicken. Simmer for 5-10 more minutes. Squeeze a little lime juice to taste before dishing it out to serve. Add your favorite toppings and bon appetite!



Bread From Scratch

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tsp. dry active yeast
- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 ½ cups warm water

INSTRUCTIONS

In a stand-alone mixer (or large bowl), mix yeast, sugar, and warm water and let sit for about five minutes until it gets foamy. Then, stir in the salt. Using the dough hook on your mixer (or a thick wooden slotted spoon), slowly add the flour until it is mixed in with the yeast. The dough should be smooth and a bit sticky. Sprinkle the dough with flour to keep it from sticking to the sides of the bowl. Then, take a clean, damp kitchen towel, cover the bowl, and let sit for 1 hour. After that, the dough should have doubled in size. If not, then let it sit a bit longer. Once it has doubled in size, take flour and scatter onto a large cutting board or flat surface. Gently take it from the bowl and place it on the floured surface.



INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED

You will gently kneed it here as you take the sides and fold them in. Do this a few times, then shape it into a puffy round ball shape.

Grab the mixing bowl again, sprinkle with flour, and set it back into the bowl; cover with a damp towel, and let it rise again for thirty more minutes. Meanwhile, preheat your oven to 450, and place your Dutch oven inside so it gets nice and hot.

Once dough has risen a little more, remove the Dutch oven and place bread inside, sprinkle with flour, then place back into the preheated oven with the lid on for 30 minutes. Then remove the lid and let bake for another 15 minutes.

Once you remove it, let it stand for about 15 minutes, then let every one of your senses just indulge in the glow of its golden brown hue, the sound of its flakey crust, and the heavenly smells it will waft into your kitchen.

Oh my! Slatter it with some butter and dip it in your favorite soup. Autumn never tasted so good!

40 Romantic Fall Dates

CHEER ON YOUR FAVORITE TEAM

VISIT A HARVEST FESTIVAL

TAKE A COOKING CLASS

GO TO A FARMER'S MARKET

GO GLAMPING

LITE UP THE FIREPIT

PAINT PUMPKINS

WATCH A FAVORITE MOVIE

DIG INTO A DELICIOUS DESSERT

PAINT A FALL PICTURE

GO TO AN APPLE CIDER TASTING

VISIT A NEAR TOWN

HIKE A NEW TRAIL

TAKE THE WEEKEND OFF

PACK A PICNIC

GET LOST IN A BOOKSTORE

GRAB SOME PUMPKIN
SPICE LATTES

GO TO AN ESCAPE ROOM



GO THROUGH AN ESCAPE ROOM

TAKE A LONG DRIVE

HIT UP THE ARCADE

MEET HALFWAY

GO ON A MOTORCYCLE RIDE

VOLUNTEER TOGETHER

HAVE A STAYCATION

GO ON A DOUBLE DATE

LISTEN TO LIVE MUSIC



VISIT A HARVEST FESTIVAL

GO TO A FARMER'S MARKET

LITE UP THE FIREPIT

WATCH A FAVORITE MOVIE

PAINT A FALL PICTURE

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GO TO AN ESCAPE ROOM



PLANT A GARDEN

MAKE S'MORES

PLAY CARD GAMES

SHOP FOR HOLIDAY DECOR

MAKE FALL COOKIES

MAKE FALL-THEMED BREAKFAST

CATCH A SUNRISE OR SUNSET

MAKE A FALL DECORATION

HOST A FALL POTLUCK

The background is a solid light beige color. It is decorated with several stylized autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. Some leaves are large and detailed, while others are smaller. Scattered throughout the background are small orange squares and circles.

GO ANTIQUING

STARGAZE ON A BLANKET

GO TO A FANCY DINNER

HAVE A SPA DAY IN

CREATE A FALL SCAVENGER HUNT



FUN FALL ACTIVITIES

For Your Life Group

By: Betsy St. Amant Haddox

Fellowshipping together is a huge benefit to the body. We desperately need each other, and it's often the more casual o that build the most rapport. It's allowed—even God-honoring glorifying—to have fun together as fellow believers, enjoying the good and perfect gifts from God our Father.

James 1:17 (ESV) *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is fr above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom the no variation or shadow due to change."*



SIT AROUND A BONFIRE

A cozy fire, warm conversation, and toasted marshmallows? Yes, please! The best part of this idea is how easily converted it is. Want an adults-only chill night with blankets and hot chocolate? Done. Need to incorporate the kids and add some hot dogs to the mix? Done. Pull up a lawn chair or fallen log, get a blaze going, and enjoy the time of community. You can even take this setting and turn it into a worship night or Bible study reading if anyone wants to!



GO APPLE-PICKING OR VISIT A PUMPKIN PATCH

Grab your small group and your favorite jeans, and go take selfies and laugh your way through the patch or orchard. The best ones are usually also selling cider or homemade goodies, so bring some spending money and embrace the loveliest parts of autumn.



BAKE AUTUMN TREATS

If your small group is women, fall is the perfect opportunity to get together in the kitchen and bake all the apple and pumpkin treats! Pumpkin snickerdoodles, sugar cookies cut in your favorite leaf shape, and iced apple cinnamon rolls are just a few of the delicious concoctions you can create together. If your small group is more of a couple's dynamic, here's the perfect chance to have a chili cook-off. Challenge the men to bring their best recipe to the event and have the women taste blindfolded to determine the winner. You can even incorporate prizes for the best or the spiciest contribution or turn the evening into a game night afterward.



Go to a Fall Carnival

October is the perfect time to gather the gang and hit a local church carnival. Stuff your face together at a taco food truck, jump on the portable Ferris Wheel, trick or treat for candy at the game booths, and appreciate having fun together in the spirit of the season.



FLAG FOOTBALL OR LASER TAG

If your life group is the active type, get everyone together for a game of flag football and appreciate the outdoors. If it's still too warm in your part of the country for an outdoor game, then laser tag or an escape room is a fun alternative for indoors. Team-building games that encourage feeding off each other and helping each other out are always great for building relationships—no matter the season!



CARVE PUMPKINS

Pumpkin carving is so much fun every fall. If you live in the South, you might only have your carved pumpkin for a few days before it begins a slow rot on your front porch, but enjoy the fun while it lasts! If carving is too much effort for your group, or you have children needing to participate, trade the carving knives for thick black Sharpies and draw faces on your pumpkin. This could also easily turn into a contest with a variety of prizes.



GO HIKING

If your weather and climate allow for it in the fall, hiking could be the perfect opportunity to get out in nature together as a group. A hike, long walk, or bicycle ride around scenic parts of town gives your group a chance to worship God together, appreciate nature, and soak in the beauty of all the changing leaves.



VISIT A CORN MAZE

Playing in a corn maze is one of the best parts of fall! They're always well worth the admission fee to run between the stalks, get spooked, and try to find your way out together (usually while laughing hysterically!). If you don't have one locally in your community, carpool to the next town over. Trust me, it's the best!



GO ON A HAYRIDE

If anyone in your group has a trailer and access to hay bales, a hayride is a fun way to hang out in the fall. Once again, this particular event is easily convertible to suit the needs of an adult group, college group, or family group. Hayrides can be as loud, fast, or relaxing as you'd like—a perfect complement to a cool evening and your favorite flannel shirt.



HOST A FALL-THEMED SCAVENGER HUNT

If you're really in the mood to get creative, organize a scavenger hunt for your group. Have members of your team run around town collecting different colored leaves or fall-themed items. Another method is a photo scavenger hunt, where you bring back photos of your team posed with various outdoor autumn décor found in stores or downtown. Feeling competitive? Challenge other small groups in your church to compete against yours!



Make DIY Fall Candles

One of the best parts of fall is the variety of crafts to make with friends that can also grace your home when you've completed them! A DIY candle night or fall-painting party would be the perfect touch for a ladies' small group. There's often a step-by-step painting class to be found nearby, but if not, you can always hit up Pinterest or other online resources for ideas.



THROW A COSTUME PARTY

Fall is the perfect time of year for a costume party—and it doesn't have to be Halloween related. Get your small group together for a dress-up dinner theatre, a costumed murder mystery game, or simply host a costume contest for families. Add some snacks and prizes, and you've got a hit autumn night on your hands!



35 Fall Activities to Do with Your Grandkids

BY CARRIE LOWRANCE

Fall is a great time of year to do things with your grandkids. The weather is cooler and more comfortable, and there are all kinds of special things to do this time of year. Watching the wonder on their faces is also fun as they hunt for the perfect pumpkin or eye that delicious caramel apple treat. If you have a date planned soon, here are some activities you can do outdoors, things to go see indoors, and activities to do when the rainy fall chill rolls in and your plans have to change.

Outdoor Activities

1. GOTOTHE PUMPKINPATCHAND PICK OUT PUMPKINS TO CARVE, USE FOR PIE, OR ROAST PUMPKIN SEEDS
 2. CORN MAZE
 3. APPLE ORCHARD
 4. VISIT A NEARBY FARM
 5. GO TO THE ZOO
 6. GO FOR A WALK AND ENJOY GOD'S NATURE
 7. LOOK AT THE LEAVES
 8. MAKE LEAF PILES AND THEN JUMP!
 9. HAY RIDE
 10. MAKE A CAMPFIRE
 11. VISIT THE FARMER'S MARKET
 12. GO TO THE PLAYGROUND OR A PARK
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Activities for Rainy Days

13. MAKE CROCKPOT APPLE CIDER

14. MAKE HOMEMADE PLAYDOUGH

15. DRAW OUT TREES & LET THEM MAKE LEAVES WITH FINGER PAINT

16. PAINT LEAVES & LET THEM USE GLITTER

17. MOVIE DAY

18. MAKE A BLANKET FORT

19. BAKE TOGETHER

20. SEAL LEAVES BETWEEN WAX PAPER

21. MAKE A MARBLE PAINTING

For this activity, you will need a shoe box and paper cut to fit inside the shoe box. You will also need marbles, plastic cups and spoons, and different colors of paint. First, cut the paper to fit the bottom of the shoe box. Second, fill the cups half full with paint. Add one or two marbles to each cup. Have your grandchild dig the marbles out with a spoon and drop them into the shoebox. Then, roll the marbles around in the box to do the "painting." Repeat with different colors.



22. READ TOGETHER

23. MAKE HOMEMADE FINGER PAINT

24. PUT A PUZZLE TOGETHER

25. CAMPFIRE ON A PLATE

Put a decent-sized dollop of white icing in the middle of a six-inch paper plate. Then take thin stick pretzels, set them on end on the plate, and lean into the icing and crisscross them for logs. Next, add a red candy to the icing on the inside to make the fire.

26. PLAY BOARD GAMES

27. COOK A MEAL YOU LOVE TOGETHER

Indoor Activities

28. GO TO THE LIBRARY

29. GO TO THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

30. DECORATE FOR FALL

31. MAKE CARAMEL APPLES

32. HAVE AN APPLE TASTING

33. HAVE A FALL-THEMED PICNIC

34. MAKE APPLE PRINTS

35. MAKE CANDY APPLES

A warm, autumn-themed still life composition. In the center, a brown ceramic mug filled with dark coffee and a slice of lemon sits on a rustic wooden surface. To the right, a grey notebook with a gold pen lies flat. In the bottom left corner, a single chestnut and a yellow autumn leaf are visible. A thick, white knitted scarf is draped in the upper left corner. The text "Happy Fall" is written in a white cursive font at the top, and a Bible verse is centered over the coffee mug.

Happy Fall

“REMEMBER THIS: WHOEVER SOWS
SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY,
AND WHOEVER SOWS GENEROUSLY
WILL ALSO REAP GENEROUSLY.”

2 Corinthians 9:6

Crosswalk