

# 101 things to do with your kids this summer (Catholic edition)

Have items to add to this list? Leave a comment, and we'll add it in!

1. Get a whole bunch of cardboard boxes from the store and let kids build and create with them
2. Make [giant bubble wands](#)
3. Play [flashlight tag](#)
4. Chalk [simple Sudoku puzzles](#) for older kids to solve on your driveway or sidewalk
5. Make up your own [board game](#)
6. Collect [leaves](#) and [flowers](#) and press them in books
7. Memorize a [Scripture verse](#) every week
8. Wash the car
9. Run a lemonade stand
10. Learn how to do a new household chore
11. Write letters to your [elected officials](#) about an issue that is important to you
12. Have a dance party with Christian music and refreshments
13. Find [10 different types of bugs](#)
14. Take older kids on a field trip to city hall, the state capitol, or your local courthouse to see government at work
15. Celebrate the Solemnity of the [Assumption of Mary](#) (August 15) by going to Mass and eating herbs
16. Keep a [bird watching list](#)
17. Make your own comic strip series
18. Make [homemade colored play dough](#)
19. Make a [backyard weather station](#) and keep a weather diary
20. Write [letters](#) to Pope Francis
21. Celebrate the Solemnity of the [Most Sacred Heart of Jesus](#) (June 12) with devotions, Sacred Heart cupcakes,

and valentines from Jesus

22. Make your own [book of prayers](#)
23. Make [puppets](#) and put on a show depicting the life of a saint
24. Play [hopscotch](#)
25. Write letters to far-away friends and relatives (or better yet, make care packages)
26. Ask to take a tour of your local newspaper or television station
27. Let kids brainstorm chores they would like to do around the house (beyond regular chores), and negotiate a “fee” for their service
28. Visit a museum
29. Go to daily Mass
30. Celebrate the Feast of [St. John Vianney](#) (August 4) by having a fundraising garage sale for your favorite charitable cause
31. Make [homemade musical instruments](#) and then make a band
32. Go [stargazing](#) (bring along Bible verses about the stars)
33. Celebrate the Feast of [St. Ignatius of Loyola](#) (July 31) by praying an [Ignatian Examen](#)
34. Make [balloon rockets](#)
35. Have kids scavenge their belongings for items to donate to the local thrift store, with the promise that they can purchase an item for every two they get rid of
36. Go grocery shopping for your local food shelf, and have kids decorate the grocery bags
37. Celebrate the Feast of [St. Kateri Tekakwitha](#) by learning about the Native American peoples in your area
38. Decorate a tree or bush, Christmas-tree style, in honor of the Fourth of July
39. Make a [bird feeder](#)
40. Visit an animal shelter
41. Make a family prayer table or decorate the one you have with special objects
42. Have kids make and decorate their own summer calendars, and let them fill them in with activities and events

they think up themselves

43. Make a pilgrimage
44. Let kids decorate brown paper grocery bags before taking them grocery shopping
45. Dance in the rain
46. Learn the principles of painting an [icon](#), and then paint an icon of your favorite saint
47. Identify 10 different [types of rock](#) found in your area
48. Make an outdoor prayer space and decorate it with found items, homemade wind chimes, flowers, and more
49. Practice the seven [corporeal works of mercy](#)
50. Do [lectio divina](#) with a nature sit spot
51. Clean out, organize, and decorate your bedroom
52. Buy washable window markers and let kids decorate the window with the name and symbol of the saint of the day
53. Play hide the button (or penny)
54. Make [homemade ice cream](#) or slushies
55. Go to Eucharistic adoration
56. Celebrate the [Feast of Saints Peter and Paul](#) (June 29) by going on your own missionary journey
57. Play balloon bouncing games
58. Re-read a book of the Bible that your kids haven't heard before and put on a play
59. Make juice [popsicles](#)
60. Plan a [kids' Olympics](#)—have kids practice all morning, then hold the games after lunch
61. Make [fairy houses](#)
62. Celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ by making [homemade bread](#) and going to [Eucharistic Adoration](#)
63. Help your kids make and keep a [container garden](#)
64. Chalk the driveway/sidewalk
65. Have kids study the mission of the saints, then come up with their own spiritual mission statement, along with a coat of arms or personal logo and/or motto
66. Learn a [survival skill](#) (what to do if you are lost, first aid, CPR, how to ask for help, changing a tire)

67. Listen to audiobooks from your library
68. Celebrate the [Feast of St. Augustine](#) (August 28) by having kids write their spiritual autobiography—either a true one (their lives up until now) or the one they would like to be able to write when they are “old”
69. Reproduce a [famous painting](#) in chalk on the driveway/sidewalk
70. Make a neighborhood parade
71. Read as many [Newberry or Caldecott](#) award-winning books as you can
72. Receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
73. Identify and forage [wild edible plants](#) in your area, then make a meal incorporating them
74. Let kids make a hidden treasure hunt for younger siblings or neighborhood friends
75. Join a [citizen science project](#)
76. Make elaborate [paper airplanes](#) and have flying contests
77. Celebrate the Feast of [Our Lady of Mount Carmel](#) by telling her story over caramel treats
78. Try praying the [Liturgy of the Hours](#)
79. Let older kids make a neighborhood newsletter featuring interviews with neighbors
80. Go [geocaching](#) or [letterboxing](#)
81. Find a findforeign pen pal using an [online pen pal finder](#)
82. Work your way through a [prayer book](#) by saying a new prayer every day
83. Have a picnic somewhere special
84. Make a book (and maybe publish it using an online self-publishing service)
85. Memorize a new prayer
86. Spend a rainy day visiting different area churches in a stained glass scavenger hunt
87. Make [homemade boats](#) to float in a kiddie pool or local pond
88. Teach your kids how to make a [new recipe](#)
89. Have a bonfire with [s'mores](#)

90. Make a [tie dye](#) t-shirt or decorate a t-shirt with fabric markers
91. Collect litter in your neighborhood or park
92. Let your kids plan and make lunch or dinner
93. Tour your local fire station
94. Run silly races (rolling, backwards, crab walking, etc.)
95. Celebrate the Feast of [St. Martha](#) (July 29) by taking the day off from all household chores
96. Identify [10 trees](#) in your neighborhood
97. Identify [10 birds](#) in your neighborhood
98. Celebrate the Feast of the [Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#) (August 22) by making crowns of wildflowers
99. Blow up balloons and let them go without tying them. Pick them all up after!
100. Learn a [new card game](#)
101. Celebrate the [Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord](#) (August 6) and mark the anniversary of the bombing of [Hiroshima](#) by praying the [Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary](#) with the intention for peace
102. Make the most awesome [peanut butter and jelly sandwich](#) ever