

BUDGET STRETCHING IDEAS

Making Family Memories Is Priceless

(NAPSA)—Creating lasting family memories need not cost a lot of money or overwhelm your budget.

Here are some tips on how to turn those minutes between breakfast and bedtime into meaningful moments with your family.

1. Rub a dub dub, having fun in the tub...Bath time is a good time to reconnect and bond with your babies and toddlers. Instead of seeing how quickly you can get the dreaded task accomplished, add in elements of fun that are sure to yield giggles and smiles.

Try using a bubble bath, such as new JOHNSON'S Baby Bubble Bath & Wash, that not only provides a tubful of bubbly entertainment but also doubles as a wash providing the pure, mild and gentle cleansing your baby needs. Everyone loves to sing in the shower, so why not bring these musical notes to the tub? Splash and sing around to your baby's favorite songs. Make bath time more fun by adding a few water toys into the mix.

2. Saturday Morning Stake-out. Reclaim your Saturday and turn it into your family's own minivacation. Take advantage of local attractions with no admission fees. Local parks, playgrounds and libraries are full of fun waiting to be had.

The weather isn't great? Go camping...in your living room. Get out the sleeping bags, open up the tent, pack a bagful of treats, flashlights and stories and have a daylong campout. Not only is the price right and the location convenient, but you can make memories with your children that will follow them as they grow.



3. Family Dinner In. Just because the neighborhood bistro doesn't fit into your budget doesn't mean fun family dinner night needs to disappear. Turn your kitchen into Chez Mom and create your own favorite restaurant. Put away your everyday cookbooks and try something new. Taco night is the perfect family fun meal. Let every family member create his or her own special taco to go on the menu.

Why not keep the fiesta going with a little dancing? Pick up a CD of Latin music from the library and salsa the night away. Not only will your kids have a blast, but mom and dad will also gain a moment to reconnect!

According to BabyCenter.com, 61 percent of moms report they want to explore new things in 2009, make time together with the family more meaningful and dedicate more time to loved ones. Take advantage of the joys that come without a price. Spending time with your family may be free, but sometimes free turns out to be priceless.

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