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1. Ask your child to write a poem about her favorite activity.
2. Have your child read to you as you make dinner tonight. Or read to him while he prepares dinner!
3. Talk with your child about books you loved when you were her age.
4. Review math facts with your child.
5. Look through a photo album with your child. Talk about the pictures.
6. Ask your child to list five words that describe him. Are you surprised by what he listed?
7. Go on a map search through the newspaper. How many maps can your child find?
8. Help your child start a collection. Provide a place to keep it—a box, a drawer or a shelf.
9. Give your child a measuring tape. Ask her to measure the dimensions of objects in your house.
10. The safety pin was patented on this day in 1849. Have your child look at one carefully and try to draw it.
11. Ask your child, if he could be a famous person, who he would be.
12. Today is the anniversary of the first human spaceflight. If your child were going into space, what would she take?

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18. At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself at his age.
19. With your child, learn how to say “I love you” in three languages.
20. Read a newspaper article with your child. Help her learn what’s fact and what’s opinion.
21. Do a crossword puzzle with your child today.
22. Celebrate Earth Day by planting a tree or a flower with your child.
23. Create an art gallery with your child. Frame his artwork.
24. Have everyone in the family spend half an hour picking up the house. Many hands make light work.
25. Ask your child to give you a tour of the school website.
26. Have a family rhyming dinner. Invent rhyming names for the food you serve.
27. Ask your child to listen for a certain word as you read. Have her say it aloud when she hears it.
28. Learn a tongue twister as a family. At dinner, everyone has to repeat it three times fast.
29. If your family doesn’t have time to read at night, consider reading at breakfast.
30. Talk with your child about school-bus safety.