December 2015

1. Make a 31-link paper chain with your child. Tear off a link each day to count down the days until January 1.
2. Schedule some one-on-one time with your child this month.
3. Make a meal together. Explain why you do some steps before others.
4. Choose a number, then have your child list all the things she can think of that come in that number.
5. Make paper snowflakes with your child. Decorate your windows.
6. Make a TV-viewing schedule with your child this week. Limit screen time to two hours a day.
7. Have your child use the newspaper to check weather around the world. Where is it coldest?
8. Hug your child—just because you love him.
9. Have your child teach you something she needs to learn. It’s a great way to reinforce learning.
10. Trace your child’s body on a big piece of paper. Then have him research and draw his insides!
11. Give everyone in the family a flashlight and read in bed tonight.
12. Take your child out for breakfast, or make it together this morning.
13. Visit the library. Check out a book about holidays around the world.
14. Talk with your child about the very best present she ever received. What made it special?
15. Take a walk with your child. Which trees are evergreen? Which ones are deciduous (lose their leaves in winter)?
16. When you’re in the car, have your child estimate how far it is to your destination. Check using the odometer.
17. Set aside some time this month to do something together that you enjoyed when you were a child.
18. Play a game of Concentration together using math flash cards. Problems with the same answer (9 x 2, 15 + 3) make a pair.
19. Look in the TV listings for programs about history and historical figures. Select one to watch with your child.
20. Set aside time today to work on a project with your child. Choose something he might give as a gift.
21. Talk with your child about rights and responsibilities.
22. Have your child make a list of things to do when there’s nothing to do.
23. Make a list of your child’s achievements. Post it where she can see it.
24. Think of something nice your child can do for an older person.
25. Have a read-aloud evening. Everyone shares a favorite story or poem.
26. Enjoy some outdoor physical activity as a family today.
27. Watch TV with your child. Ask questions: “Was that a good idea?” “What would you do?”
28. Review spelling or vocabulary words with your child tonight.
29. Make a puzzle with your child. Glue a picture onto cardboard. Cut it into puzzle shapes.
30. Have your child draw a picture of what December means to him.
31. Help your child create a time line of 2015.