

# Write at Home & Make Family Memories



Writing with your family at home can be a great way to create wonderful and beautiful memories. There are many different ways to do it. The key is to pick one writing activity and go for it! When you feel comfortable, you can always do more. Your children will learn to appreciate writing when they see *you* making it a part of your family life.

**Family Traditions:** Keep a journal of your family memories or traditions. You can write about birthday parties, family routines, special nights out, visits from relatives or beliefs important to your family. Keep a record of the terrific times you share.

If you're looking for something more creative, you can use fabric markers and write a few sentences expressing your gratitude on a linen table cloth for Thanksgiving Day. Just think, if you did this for five years, you would have a memorable gift to give to one of your children when they grow up.

**Family Peace Journal:** Every family gets in arguments and there may be times when talking about them might be too difficult or painful. You can help your family take the time to work through their feelings by writing about them in a peace journal. This will help your children see writing as an important way to communicate and share their feelings.

**Holiday Journal:** Who wouldn't want to write about a favorite family holiday? If you have a family holiday journal, you could write about all your holiday gatherings, the delicious food and all the funny stories that made everyone laugh. You could also ask relatives to write something in the holiday journal to express how they feel being together.

**Family Travel Journal:** Keep a diary of your travel adventures. You could:

1. Have your youngest child draw a picture of one thing they saw on the trip
2. Have a family member write a short summary of your family's trip.
3. Each member of the family can write and share their favorite experience about the trip and why it was special to them.