

Write at Home & Make Family Memories (Part 2)

Ask **everyone** in your family to write their opinion to a question such as:

- Who makes the best dessert in our family and why do you think so?
- What was the best gift you ever received and why was this special to you?
- What was the most hilarious family holiday we shared?



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.

Sample:

Mom and Dad, I don't understand why you have taken away my iPod Touch from me for a week. I know that I made a mistake but I feel as if this punishment is so harsh. I use it to listen to music while walking to school. Maybe I can have it for part of the week and lose it for two weekends in a row. Please consider and maybe we can talk about it later.

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.

Sample:

We had the best vacation ever! We planned an incredible trip to NYC for our spring break. We spent four days and three nights downtown Manhattan where all the action was taking place. We took the train from Philadelphia to New York and it was my first time on the train. Ouch, were my feet sore from walking all over the city while taking pictures of everything! We visited museums, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building and spent an afternoon in Chinatown. Our trip was a little shorter this year but unforgettable. I enjoy spending time with my family.

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