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I've got so much to share with you and I can't wait to get started. But before we do, I have just one small request.

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Progressive Dinner Family Fun Night

Have you ever been to a progressive dinner? It's absolutely one of my favorite activities. Alas, my days in the youth group are gone and progressive dinners seem to be a thing of the past. Well, at least until last week. I decided to surprise the kids with a progressive dinner...OUT! Since we don't go out to eat much, the kids were beside themselves with excitement that we were going to 3 different places.

How to have a family fun night progressive dinner->

We started off with **appetizers.** Is there a restaurant that has an appetizer that your family loves? If so, that should be your first stop. We hopped into Carrabas for their zucchini fries. One simple appetizer and water to drink is sufficient for this stop.

For the **dinner** portion of the meal I picked Applebees because I get two \$.99 kids meals per adult. Do you know which restaurants offer free kids meals in your area?

Of course, no progressive dinner would be complete without **dessert**. You could go all out and sit down at a nice restaurant or you could stop into McDonalds for \$1 ice cream cones. Chances are, your kids are like mine and think that both are the best thing ever.

Variations:

You could eat at 3 different fast food restaurants. You could have a theme and, say, eat at 3 Italian restaurants. The sky is the limit. Ok, in my case the budget is the limit. I'm guessing yours is too, but you get the point.

In our family, it wouldn't be family fun night without some kind of game. So I created a few restaurant games that we could play together.

Restaurant Scavenger Hunt->

The rules are simple. Find as many of the items as possible. I intentionally made this difficult. The biggest reason is that it's supposed to be family fun night, so I intended to work together as a family. You could work in pairs or teams, too. Instead of putting

checkmarks in the boxes, try putting the initials of the person who spotted it.

ABC Restaurant Hunt->

Much like the scavenger hunt above, we are looking around the restaurant for clues, but this one is much more open. The goal is to find things that start with each letter of the alphabet.

A few other ideas I found on the web->

While driving around town, you could play restaurant bingo. Or if you eat out often enough, use it to check off the places you've been!

Or check out 10 Restaurant Waiting Games to keep those wiggly ones occupied.

Bring along the Gather 'Round Restaurant Game and keep them busy talking to one another. This is such a great idea.



Another super fun idea is to use Crunch a Color cards to help get the dinner conversation going. These are compact and super easy to fit in your purse.



Restaurant Scavenger Hunt

a family of 6 a "specials" listing a maximum capacity sign a fire extinguisher someone in a chef's hat a cup of coffee a TV steak sauce menu item containing chicken flowers an open bottle of ketchup a picture of a dessert a tray full of food a pitcher of a beverage an exit sign a birthday party a tray full of drinks a VISA sign a menu item for less than \$5 a dirty napkin bread or rolls a utensil on the ground a pink drink a couple eating together a round table something that starts with "z" a hanging light a pizza



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