

# 310 FBYM IDEAS

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1. Flamingos in the yard
2. Softball for Salvation
3. Rock-a-thon
4. Youth Shadowing Deacons for Love Feast Preparation
5. Men's Breakfast...boys invited
6. Spirit Suppers...once a month at somebody's house having a theological topic over dinner.
7. Volleyball Marathon
8. Youth Sunday...Youth do sunrise service and/or kids make the meal
9. Intergenerational SS
10. Hunger Meal: Youth and parents prepare a meal after church...money given to the food bank
11. Wed. night family night dinners
12. Youth/Adult SS class exchange
13. Grandmothers teaching kids to sew.
14. Interagen work camps
15. Helping parents have a spiritual question to ask their kids at the end of the day ("*Where did you see God?*")
16. Hearts Party
17. Youth teach the seniors how to use the internet
18. Secret pals
19. Youth do chores for the elderly
20. Work day at church
21. Build a habitat house together
22. Parenting workshop
23. Get people to donate items, and have the kids run an auction to raise funds.
24. Ice Cream Social
25. Youth progressive dinner
26. Intergenerational choir
27. Bible Quiz: Older vs. Younger
28. Service project in the community
29. Youth babysitting for couples to have a night out.
30. Play or a musical
31. Play basketball—youth vs. adults
32. Youth small groups with an adult facilitator
33. Fall festival for children during blood drive
34. Mother Daughter Tea
35. Newlywed game with parents/youth—to learn about parents
36. Aluminum can drive
37. Pay the youth group to put your Christmas cards together and have them hand deliver them
38. Bake sale

39. Family camp
40. Adopt a grandparent
41. Birthday party for the church
42. Camping at the beach and learning to surf
43. Old fashioned taffy pull
44. Read the Bible through marathon
45. Family ski retreat
46. Car wash
47. All church holiday dinners
48. Adopt a grandchild
49. Trip to New Windsor
50. Children's puppet show
51. "Souperbowl" Party
52. Guess who's "coming to dinner?"
53. Disaster Relief project
54. Love Feast—The Whole Enchilada
55. Invite DeVries to come talk...adopt a speaker
56. All church coffee house
57. Night without a home...raising money for homeless shelters
58. Invite an intergenerational Presbyterian group to experience a love feast...no coed washing!
59. Tractor pull
60. Apple butter
61. Tailgate party at homecoming game
62. Trip to Germantown, PA...watch those coed feet!
63. Mystery Dinner...Receive a series of numbers to determine the order of the courses of your dinner
64. Youth and children visit shut ins
65. Shoeboxes at Christmas for children...
66. Once a month at a meal, help parents give a blessing for their child
67. National youth conference
68. Make a church cookbook
69. Intergenerational lock in
70. Serving in a soup kitchen
71. Crop Walk
72. Toys for Peace...Non-violent toys for kids
73. Anniversary cards to senior citizens.
74. Make care boxes for graduating seniors heading off to college
75. Church Olympics
76. Church Bible Study Book—daily devotions written by the members of the congregation
77. Relay for Life...
78. Adopt a highway
79. Angeltree
80. Outdoor worship at your local brethren camp
81. Gifts for Hartley House
82. A book of blessings...leave it in the church
83. Scavenger hunt

84. Pumpkin pie eating contest
85. Fast for the nations that are hungry
86. Hiking trip
87. Art Fair...all ages
88. Sponsorship program for the hungry
89. Foul Shoot
90. Golfing
91. Talent Auction...silent auction
92. Four Square Tourney
93. Work at the food bank
94. Prayer Partners
95. Mentoring Program
96. Four Sundays off on Sunday morning, and start the acts of service at 11:00 a.m.
97. Moral/Oral Hygiene
98. Scavenger Hunts
99. Adopt a Grandparent
100. Quarterly Intergenerational Meeting
101. Intergenerational Retreat
102. Parent Chat Room
103. Family Game Night
104. Annual Family Blessing Services
105. Adult & Teen Worship Teams
106. Guardian Angel Project (Secret Adoption of adult to youth)
107. Father/Son Camping
108. Intergenerational FLABS
109. Family Fun Day
110. Intergen Mission Trip
111. Meal before Wednesday Programs
112. Family Day at Soup Kitchen
113. Father/Daughter Dance
114. State of the Youth Meeting with youth/parents together
115. Parent/Teen Movie Night
116. Father/Son Computer Game Tourney
117. Intergenerational Church School
118. Senior Adult Assistance Teams
119. Partnering With School—Church Sponsoring non-church event for community to enjoy
120. Family Wash the Youth Pastors Car Day
121. Family Bike Rodeo
122. Family Fall Festival—Trick or Trunk
123. Marriage Lessons—People at various stages of marriage talking to parents and youth
124. Singing as families at the nursing home
125. A Rite of Passage Weekend: Training Retreat and ceremony with standing ovation, parents blessing and pastors blessings into adulthood
126. Family Accountability: Different Families meeting together for accountability

127. Families leading a worship service at nursing home
128. Church-wide talent show
129. Parents of young children adopting a teenager
130. Mother/Son Skydiving
131. Drive By Raking
132. TP Elders or Pastors House...Family Vandalism (Just one little square!..right!)
133. Church wide paintball
134. Purity Ring Ceremony...Parents lead kids down aisle like a wedding
135. Family Golf Tourney
136. Intergenerational Bungee Jumping
137. Parent vs. Teen Ultimate Frisbee
138. Intergenerational Evangelism Teams...Go to pray blessings on houses and for any needs they have...don't has for anything else
139. The Amazing Race as Families
140. Opposite Sex Beauty Pageant (Cross Dressing)
141. Good Big Fundraiser
142. Intergenerational Christmas Program (Have families in pageant)
143. Staff/Youth Food Fight Night
144. Boys to Men Weekend/Series
145. Boys joining the men's groups for classes and events
146. Mother/Dad date night with kids babysitting
147. Driving Class...pairing teens with AARP folks who are taking classes
148. Family adopt a family for Thanksgiving
149. Trading Places: Parents component and youth component in series
150. Guys workshop for cars...older persons and younger persons
151. STARs (Seniors Taking A Role): Use Senior adult where we need an extra hand
152. Students on committees in the church
153. Knitting Group that knits prayer shawls...every stitch is a prayer
154. Building a boat as a family
155. Parents of the Month Spotlight
156. A Man Day...talk about the struggle to be a godly man
157. BBQ the School...free food for lunch
158. Family Service Project
159. TLW Purity Ball
160. Trade Families for a day...new parents new kids
161. Mother/Daughter Back to School Shopping
162. Bible Buddies—When 3<sup>rd</sup> graders get Bibles they are paired with adults
163. Viking Dinner...no utensils, everyone gets a whole chicken

164. Parent of Teen Support Group
165. Family Camp
166. Mission Shareholders...Let church members sponsor different kids.....\$15-\$20 a share. After mission trip have a shareholders meeting
167. Ask permission to TP the senior pastor's house...Pastor and elders lying in wait for water balloon ambush. Family Ambush Night
168. Women's Hobby Night (Teens through Senior Citizens)
169. Father Daughter Skeet Shooting
170. New Parents Class...Youth do Child Care
171. Traveling Banquet...Each Parent Hosts a portion of the banquet
172. Teen Block Party...parents creating running different game
173. Contact the EAA...experimental aircraft association...Invite the community...kids get a certificate
174. Family day at the zoo
175. Build a parade float...
176. Mother/Daughter Banquets
177. Parent Teen Idea Night...They plan the event...Let them trickle up
178. Youth vs. the world softball
179. Boy Scouts
180. Father/Daughter Drag Racing
181. Taking It Home...Pastor does a weekly devotional for kids based on the verse for the week
182. Hollywood Squares...parents in squares...kids are contestants
183. Take some kid to work day
184. Family art workshop
185. Family financial workshop
186. Father/Son Thanksgiving Football
187. Tailgate Party before the church service
188. Teach young dads parenting skills
189. Fishing competition
190. Family Christmas Caroling
191. Sweetheart Dinner: Husbands and Wives Together served by kids...then play the "Almost Newlywed Game"
192. Parent/Teen Breakfast Before Church
193. Annual Chili Cookoff kids/adults
194. Family Hay Ride
195. Pet Blessing Day
196. Superbowl Party
197. Intergenerational Indoor Football in the Sanctuary
198. Dinner for 7 (total plate = seven)
199. Mother/Son Bakeoff
200. Families Take Pets to Nursing Home
201. Graduation Service
202. Marlin's Championship Winners Party
203. Church Wide Work Weekend

204. Silver Ring Thing...in the secular world
205. Family Day at church: Everything that happens, families do together
206. Leader Banquet...Parents plan it
207. Birthday Dinner...Cake for each month...sit at your month's table
208. Family roller skating, fair or hiking
209. Youth vs. World Wheelchair Races at Nursing Home
210. Intergenerational /Family VBS
211. Cheap Prom Pics...Make a nice backdrop...take a pic of the kids who go to the church before prom
212. Partnering with an inner city mission, with parents and youth involved in running it.
213. Toilet Bowl Competition...every year an ongoing thing
214. Parent Kidnap Night
215. Rite 13 Service in worship...Rehearsal dinner the night before. Liturgy like a Christian bar mitzvah. Journey to Adulthood
216. Faith Corner/Faith Circles...Invite people at various stages and ages in their faith journey and kids go to different stations where they hear the faith journey of each person there.
217. Family Feud, Fear Factor, Survivor, Bachelor,
218. Faith or Fear: Either do fear factor challenge or answer a question about their faith
219. Live it on up: A morning for those who are moving into a new stage (junior high, high school, college)
220. Wednesday night supper—good cheap meal followed by opportunities for all ages
221. Confirmation on Saturdays—parents expected to be there
222. Junior High prom: JHers plan it alongside adults. HS students serve them at the dance. One-hour photo developing...they all get pictures. JH kids can think they are special for the night.
223. Closing School Year with Awards Program (Church Oscars)...a scholarship program that goes along with that. Usually raise \$5000 and award it to kids to use for activities throughout the year.
224. Youth sit with their own families or with other families
225. Have youth teach SS once a year
226. At home retreat/disciple Now Weekend
227. Anything that Floats But a Boat...to get it across the city lake
228. 5 Quarter Fellowship...a Party Bar
229. Lead Teams: 2 Youth (Boy and Girl) and 2 adults who do planning of events

- 230. Parent Helping Parent night—  
Student serve parents coffee  
and snacks as parents minister to  
each other.
- 231. Parents writing kids love letters
- 232. Emails
- 233. Potluck dinner
- 234. Family competitions
- 235. Adopt a grandchild
- 236. Family retreats
- 237. Parenting seminar
- 238. Rotate houses for meetings
- 239. Progressive dinner
- 240. Pew partners
- 241. Family worship
- 242. Family sing a long
- 243. Family outing
- 244. Family newsletter
- 245. Adult/youth leadership team
- 246. Parent's council
- 247. Watch UK games together
- 248. Parent youth group night
- 249. Family lock-in
- 250. Destination unknown
- 251. Overtime hang-out chat
- 252. Plan and organize a concert
- 253. Parents as small group leaders
- 254. Get to know the pastor nite
- 255. Rotate as chaperones
- 256. Parent small group mtg
- 257. Family dramas
- 258. Fund raising events
- 259. Family videos
- 260. Awards night
- 261. Coffee shop w/ band
- 262. Go to cheer sporting events
- 263. Watch the church calendar
- 264. Father/daughter date night
- 265. Culture class
- 266. Parents share life story
- 267. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday family devo night
- 268. Family genealogy project
- 269. Karaoke nite
- 270. Bowling
- 271. BBQ nite
- 272. Career mentoring
- 273. Cook-off
- 274. Organize outreach event
- 275. Family breakfast at church
- 276. Family switch
- 277. Clean up the church day
- 278. March for a cause
- 279. Battle of the bands
- 280. Play family feud
- 281. All church talent show
- 282. Adopt a single mom
- 283. Confirmation mentoring
- 284. Adopt a compassion child
- 285. Hobby fest

- 286. Reverse roles (dress included)
- 287. Intergenerational sports
- 288. Family 30 hour famine
- 289. Church family adopt a compassion child
- 290. Christmas tradition share
- 291. Family traveling worship service
- 292. Spiritual bribery
- 293. Family in worship leading
- 294. Lenten devotional book
- 295. Family based communion service
- 296. Family pet blessing and wash
- 297. Puzzle mania
- 298. Family delivering Thanksgiving baskets
- 299. Trading spaces
- 300. Family church vacations/cruise (pay for the youth minister)
- 301. Scavenger hunts (find the elder)
- 302. Family bookstore
- 303. Ice cream supper
- 304. Picnic in the park
- 305. Family fitness classes
- 306. Family teach elementary class together
- 307. Intergenerational prayer time
- 308. Family rock climbing
- 309. Family casino night
- 310. Working at compassion ministry center together