



QUICK & EASY GAME IDEAS

I-Spy

One person starts by saying, "I spy with my little eye, something..." and adds a description of an object he's looking at (for instance, "I spy with my little eye, something blue and fuzzy!"). Everyone tries to guess what the person is looking at. You can go around in a circle, letting each family member have a chance to be the "spy-er."

Alphabet Game

As a group, choose a category, such as animals, countries, singers, or "people our family knows." One family member starts the game by naming a person/thing from that category that starts with the letter "A." Then the next person names a person/thing that starts with the letter "B," the next person finds something for the letter "C," and so on.

Rose & Thorn

Ask your kids to tell you about the rose (the best or most special part of their day), and the thorn (the most difficult part of their day). This can be a great way to get around one-word answers when you ask, "How was your day?" It helps everyone think about sharing their day in a new way.

List Game

Think of 5 things that "belong" to something. For example, a banana, a pair of shoes, a *Harry Potter* book, a pile of paperclips, and a box of flooring. Then have your family guess what these things belong to (answer: things in the trunk of my car). With little kids, you can just ask them outright for a list of things in a category (example: name three things in your bed).