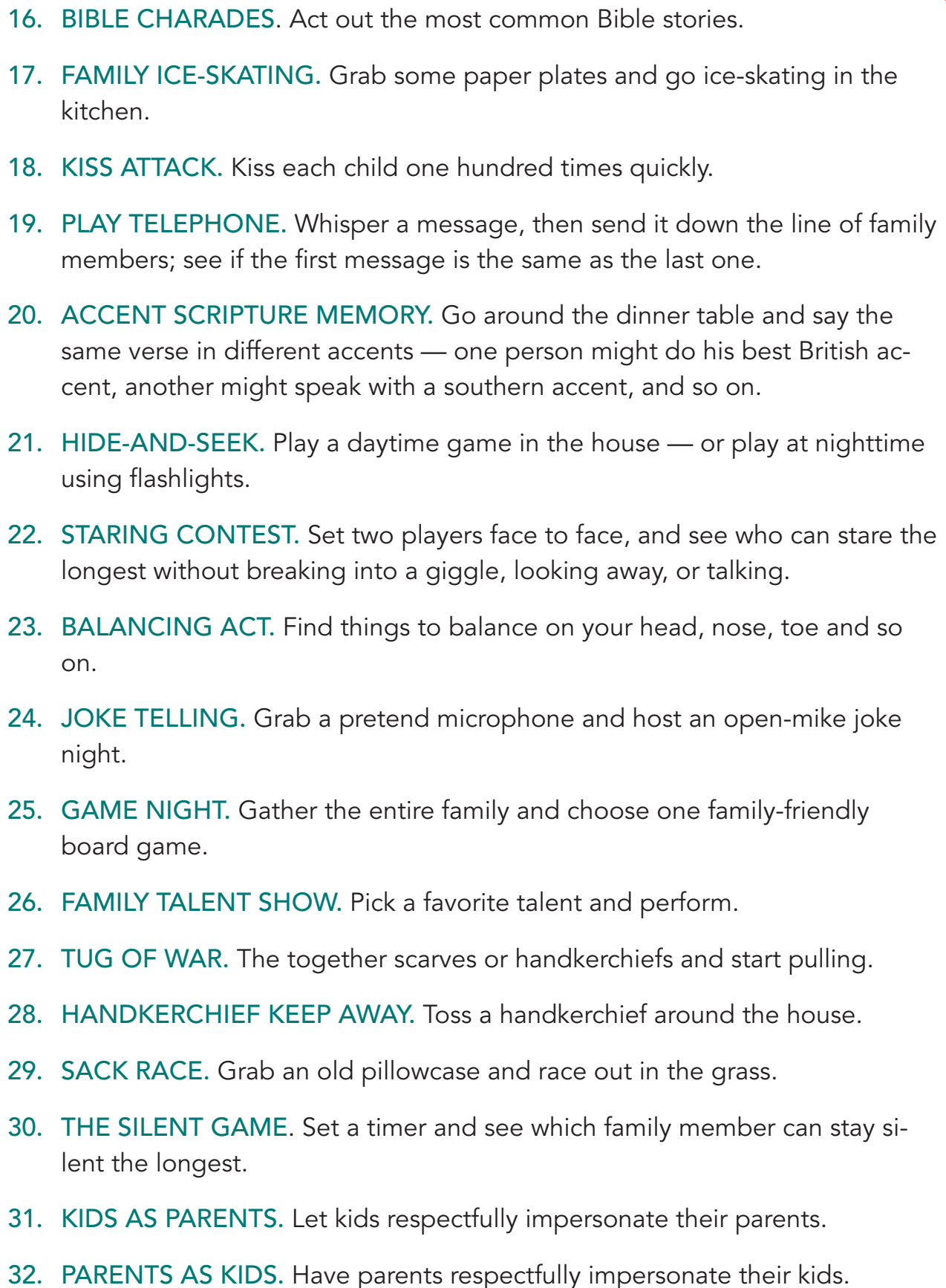


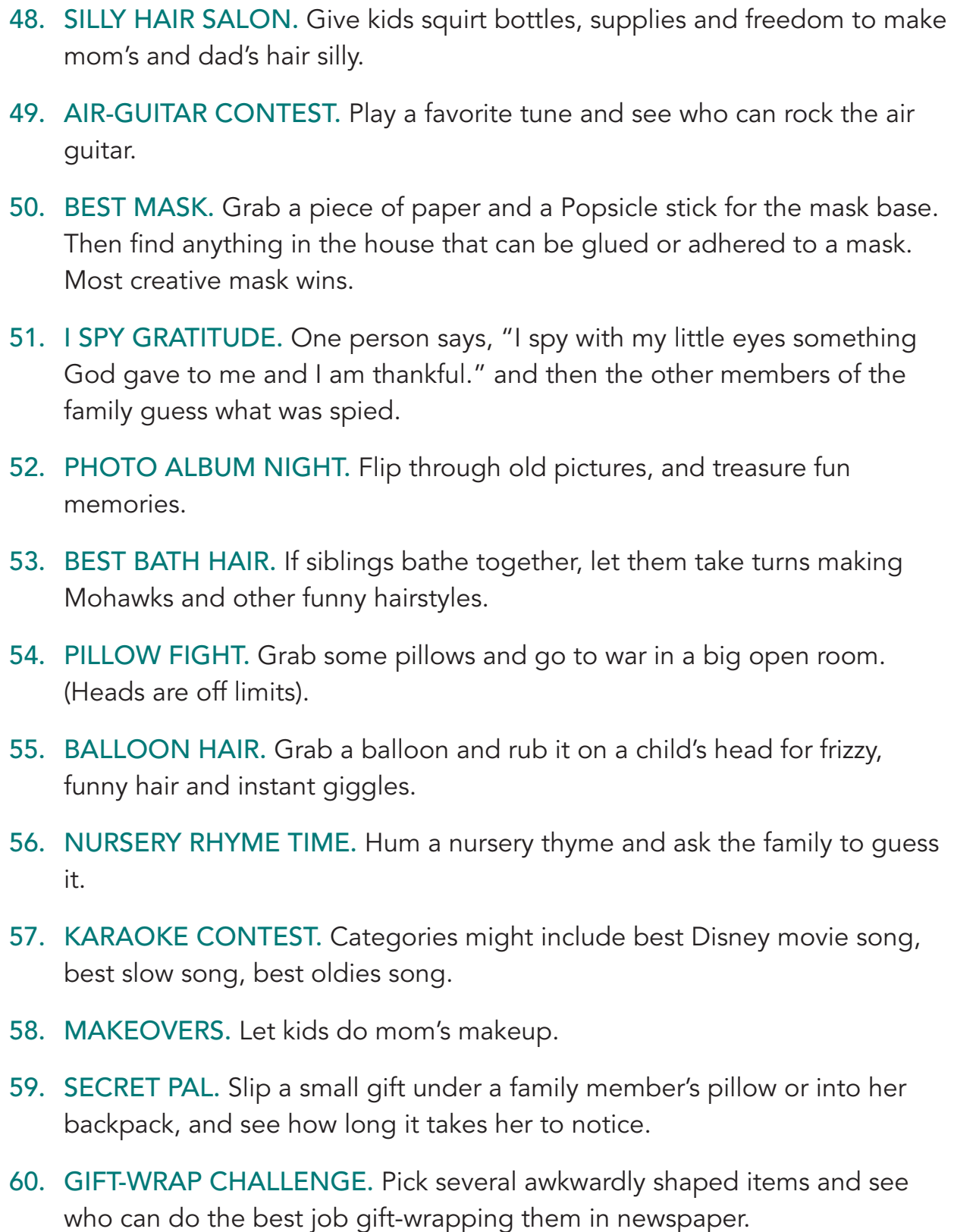


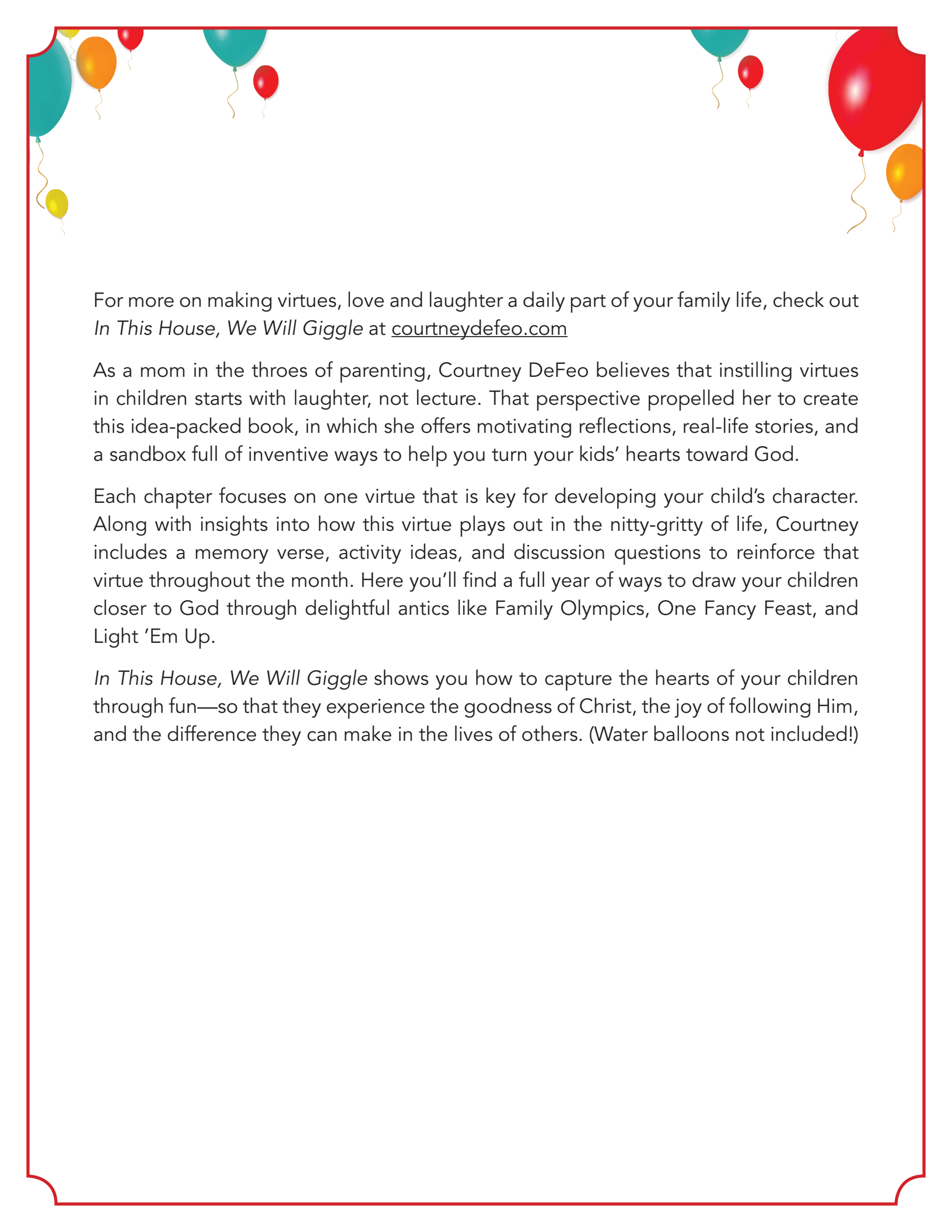
60 Ways TO MAKE YOUR HOUSE Giggle

1. **FAMILY CHASE.** Pretend you're a family of gorillas.
2. **BALLOON COUCH VOLLEYBALL.** Blow up a balloon for a game of volleyball and use the couch as your net, with members of the family on each side.
3. **BEST COSTUME CONTEST.** Let kids dress up in their parents' clothes and accessories.
4. **DADDY DISCO.** Play an old 80's tune and pull out your craziest dance moves for your kids.
5. **MOM'S SOPRANO SOLO.** Sing the menu for the evening in an operatic style.
6. **FEATHER TEST.** Who can sit still the longest with a feather being rubbed under their nose or chin?
7. **TONGUE TWISTERS.** Look up popular tongue twisters and challenge each other at the dinner table to say them faster and faster.
8. **PUPPET SHOW.** Grab or make a puppet and take turns putting on a show.
9. **DUCK-DUCK GOOSE.** Have family members join in for this old school fun.
10. **BACK TRACING.** Have your children guess what letter you trace on their backs with your finger. Sneak a tickle or two!
11. **MOVIE TIME.** Have each person act out a scene from a favorite movie.
12. **CAPTURE THE FLAG.** Create a family flag, then hide it in the house. First to capture the flag wins.
13. **SWIM INDOORS.** Fill up a bath tub, slip into your swimsuit, and pretend you are at the beach!
14. **MOVE NIGHT.** make a pallet on the floor and pop some popcorn. Have the family snuggle together, phones off.
15. **DESIGN A FORT.** Build a fort with sheets and dining chairs.

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16. **BIBLE CHARADES.** Act out the most common Bible stories.
 17. **FAMILY ICE-SKATING.** Grab some paper plates and go ice-skating in the kitchen.
 18. **KISS ATTACK.** Kiss each child one hundred times quickly.
 19. **PLAY TELEPHONE.** Whisper a message, then send it down the line of family members; see if the first message is the same as the last one.
 20. **ACCENT SCRIPTURE MEMORY.** Go around the dinner table and say the same verse in different accents — one person might do his best British accent, another might speak with a southern accent, and so on.
 21. **HIDE-AND-SEEK.** Play a daytime game in the house — or play at nighttime using flashlights.
 22. **STARING CONTEST.** Set two players face to face, and see who can stare the longest without breaking into a giggle, looking away, or talking.
 23. **BALANCING ACT.** Find things to balance on your head, nose, toe and so on.
 24. **JOKE TELLING.** Grab a pretend microphone and host an open-mike joke night.
 25. **GAME NIGHT.** Gather the entire family and choose one family-friendly board game.
 26. **FAMILY TALENT SHOW.** Pick a favorite talent and perform.
 27. **TUG OF WAR.** Tie together scarves or handkerchiefs and start pulling.
 28. **HANDKERCHIEF KEEP AWAY.** Toss a handkerchief around the house.
 29. **SACK RACE.** Grab an old pillowcase and race out in the grass.
 30. **THE SILENT GAME.** Set a timer and see which family member can stay silent the longest.
 31. **KIDS AS PARENTS.** Let kids respectfully impersonate their parents.
 32. **PARENTS AS KIDS.** Have parents respectfully impersonate their kids.

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33. **ICE-CREAM SHOPPE.** Create an ice-cream shoppe and serve up sundaes.
 34. **STUFFED-ANIMAL ACTING.** Mom or Dad: grab the largest stuffed animal you can find, and start acting out a scene — funny voice required! — or read your child's book while hiding behind the animal.
 35. **STAGE FAMILY.** Perform a movie theme song together.
 36. **FAMILY FUN DINNER.** Pick a theme for dinner - any theme, from Frozen to Cowboys and Indians to An Evening in France - and as a family plan the entire dinner around that theme.
 37. **GRIN LIKE IT HURTS.** Grin as hard as you can at one child. Get as close as you can to his or her face until giggles erupt.
 38. **FAMILY CIRCUS.** Have everyone choose a role from juggling to clowns. Act it out and perform.
 39. **SOCK SKATE.** Everyone, slip on some socks and start sliding in the kitchen.
 40. **THUMB WRESTLE.** Let the thumb wars commence.
 41. **YOUR FOOD NETWORK.** As you cook dinner together, pretend you are filming a cooking show. Use your smartphone to record short videos.
 42. **WHEELBARROW RACE.** Take this one outside. Let one child be the wheelbarrow, hands on ground, while one parent holds the legs. Race another parent-child pair!
 43. **FACE-PAINTING NIGHT.** Pretend it's the circus or a fair and create artwork on each other's face.
 44. **PICNIC DINNER.** Make a regular dinner fun by eating on a blanket in the yard — or in the living room, if the weather is uncooperative.
 45. **PARENTS CHALLENGE.** Safely prank kids by rolling their rooms or shortcutting the bed.
 46. **FAMILY DANCE.** Choreograph a family dance. Record it and send it to grandparents.
 47. **FUNNIEST FAMILY PHOTO.** Take a creative and funny group photo, and send it to family or friends with a challenge to send back their most creative effort. Props and hats encouraged.

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48. **SILLY HAIR SALON.** Give kids squirt bottles, supplies and freedom to make mom's and dad's hair silly.
 49. **AIR-GUITAR CONTEST.** Play a favorite tune and see who can rock the air guitar.
 50. **BEST MASK.** Grab a piece of paper and a Popsicle stick for the mask base. Then find anything in the house that can be glued or adhered to a mask. Most creative mask wins.
 51. **I SPY GRATITUDE.** One person says, "I spy with my little eyes something God gave to me and I am thankful." and then the other members of the family guess what was spied.
 52. **PHOTO ALBUM NIGHT.** Flip through old pictures, and treasure fun memories.
 53. **BEST BATH HAIR.** If siblings bathe together, let them take turns making Mohawks and other funny hairstyles.
 54. **PILLOW FIGHT.** Grab some pillows and go to war in a big open room. (Heads are off limits).
 55. **BALLOON HAIR.** Grab a balloon and rub it on a child's head for frizzy, funny hair and instant giggles.
 56. **NURSERY RHYME TIME.** Hum a nursery thyme and ask the family to guess it.
 57. **KARAOKE CONTEST.** Categories might include best Disney movie song, best slow song, best oldies song.
 58. **MAKEOVERS.** Let kids do mom's makeup.
 59. **SECRET PAL.** Slip a small gift under a family member's pillow or into her backpack, and see how long it takes her to notice.
 60. **GIFT-WRAP CHALLENGE.** Pick several awkwardly shaped items and see who can do the best job gift-wrapping them in newspaper.



For more on making virtues, love and laughter a daily part of your family life, check out *In This House, We Will Giggle* at courtneydefeo.com

As a mom in the throes of parenting, Courtney DeFeo believes that instilling virtues in children starts with laughter, not lecture. That perspective propelled her to create this idea-packed book, in which she offers motivating reflections, real-life stories, and a sandbox full of inventive ways to help you turn your kids' hearts toward God.

Each chapter focuses on one virtue that is key for developing your child's character. Along with insights into how this virtue plays out in the nitty-gritty of life, Courtney includes a memory verse, activity ideas, and discussion questions to reinforce that virtue throughout the month. Here you'll find a full year of ways to draw your children closer to God through delightful antics like Family Olympics, One Fancy Feast, and Light 'Em Up.

In This House, We Will Giggle shows you how to capture the hearts of your children through fun—so that they experience the goodness of Christ, the joy of following Him, and the difference they can make in the lives of others. (Water balloons not included!)