December 2021

16. Tonight, have your child draw the moon’s shape. Is it a crescent, full circle, half circle?
17. Ask your child to estimate how many times he blinks in a minute, then count to see.
18. Pay your child a genuine, specific compliment today.
19. With your child, think of words that sound like what they mean, such as buzz, smash, hiss and thump.
20. Have your child write a poem or story from the point of view of a pet.
21. Ask about qualities your child values in friends. Talk about why values are important.
22. Do body arithmetic. Ask your child how much her fingers, knees, toes and nose add up to.
23. Cut apart the frames of a comic strip and ask your child to arrange the pieces in the right order.
24. Bake cookies with your child. If you’re doubling a recipe, have your child do the math.
25. Read a book aloud that you and your child can both enjoy.
26. Talk about the free or low-cost activities your family enjoyed most during 2021. If possible, make plans to do them again in 2022.
27. Ask for your child’s help with a household task, such as making dinner.
28. Talk with your child about people he admires and why he does.
29. Have your child write step-by-step directions for making a sandwich. Then follow them exactly. Did they work?
30. Ask what your child would like to make an annual tradition. Start it!
31. Find interesting pictures of people. Ask your child to write captions.