

Tips for Hosting a Million Minute Family Challenge™ Event



Play Games, Have Fun, Make Connections

It's easy to make sure everyone has fun at your **Million Minute Family Challenge** Game Night. Here are some guidelines to get you started:

- Get everyone involved. Having a part in the planning gives all in the group, from youngsters to seniors, a reason to participate and interact.
- Have several games on hand, ensuring there's at least one game each player will enjoy.
- Make special snacks. For example, decorate square cookies with white frosting and chocolate chips to look like dice. Decorate a sheet cake to look like a game board.

There are lots of ways different groups can join the **Million Minute Family Challenge**:

Families: Set aside one night a month or week to play games for an hour or two. As it becomes a habit, everyone will eagerly look forward to the next night of games and there will be more cooperation and less fighting.

Neighbors: Have a different family host a game night each month. Hold a "Newcomer Night" whenever someone new moves in to help everybody get acquainted.

Schools: Host a monthly game evening to help families become familiar with the staff and facilities and initiate discussions of various matters or upcoming events. Teachers can use games during free time. It pulls the kids together so no one feels left out.

Parents: Begin a "Mom's Night Out," in which a different woman hosts other females from the area. It gives the adults a chance to get to know each other and discuss school, work, and family issues.

Churches: Board games are excellent tools as icebreakers and conversation starters. Hold a "Singles Game Evening" or an afternoon "Game Social" to encourage fellowship among parishioners. Games work great at Youth Group gatherings too.

Libraries/Museums: Many children's museums and libraries celebrate **National Game & Puzzle Week™** by hosting a game-playing event. In 2009, **National Game & Puzzle Week** is November 23 – 29. Check with your local children's museum or library for their plans.

Retailers: Many local game retailers schedule nights for customers to come in and play new and classic games. Give your local retailer a call and ask when their next game night is.

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