

# Gather Around The Table - “Unity”

Promote family, fellowship and fun!

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With all the activities, schedules, and obligations, it can be hard to initiate a family mealtime together; however, gathering around the table for “family time” can be a stepping stone towards uniting your family around the dinner table.

Our goal for 2026 is “Unity”: Gather Around the Table.

Each week, a new activity will be sent home to help promote unity with your family, friends, and church...and it's all centered around the table.



## January Challenge

### **PENCIL ME IN!**

It's time to plan your 2026 family calendar of events!

Make it a family event!

Purchase a long roll of white or brown paper. Gather pencils, pens, highlighters, stickers, rulers...whatever you choose!

Gather around the table, roll out your paper, draw out your 12 months, and start creating your 2026 “Family” calendar.

Note: Your calendar doesn't have to be perfect...allow little hands to help.

Leave an open “ideas” space at the front or the end of your paper roll to jot down ideas when finished.

As a family, discuss the events you already have planned and add them to your calendar (vacations, spring break, summer break, etc.)

Discuss and “pencil in” a couple of family activities for January. Decorate your calendar with stickers, markers, highlighters, etc.

When finished, make some popcorn (treats) to enjoy while discussing new ideas and adding them to the blank “ideas” space you left at the front or end of your roll. Give everyone a voice.

Don't schedule events too far in advance...schedules do change, and children will be disappointed.

Hint: Creating a square cardboard template (in advance) will help with spacing out your 12 months.

Remember to add a date for your next (February) family calendar scheduling day.  
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