

For Kids & Teens: 10 Fun & Creative Ways to Tell Your Stories

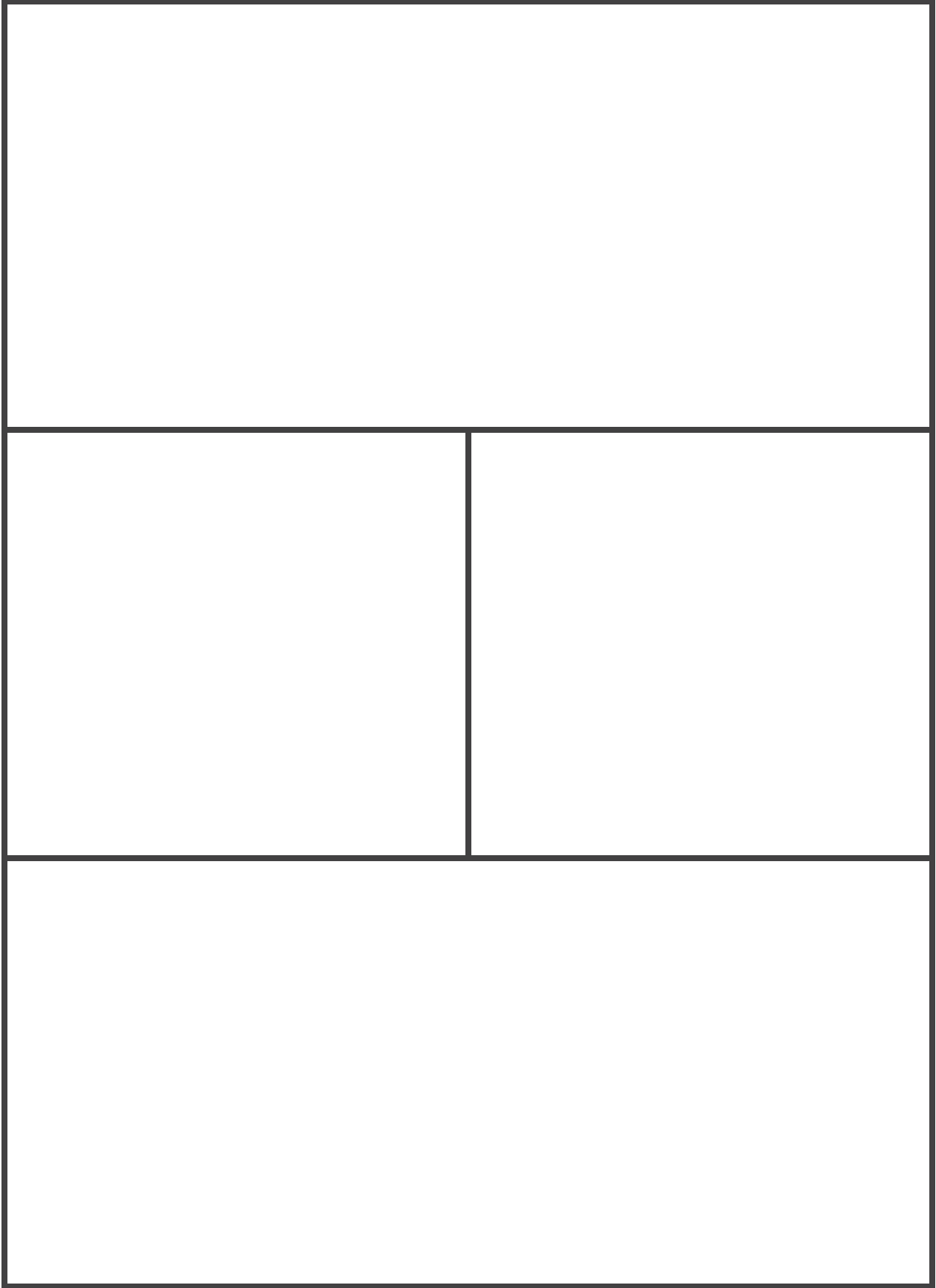
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Note: This handout provides options in several colors. (You don't need to print all pages.)
Simply pick your color scheme(s), and enjoy recording your family stories with fun!

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1. Ask to use a parent's camera and take 10 photos that show what is most important in your life at home or around the neighborhood. Print the photos and write down why each one matters to you, or type up your answers in a file to keep with your digital photos. You could do this activity every few months to create a fun book of your whole year.
2. Draw and write the story of a favorite memory in comic book form. You can use the blank comic-book templates on pages 3–11 in this handout. Find "Story Ideas to Share" on page 12.
3. Have your toys act out your stories. Be sure to video record it! You could also simply write down the script of what your characters would say and do to tell your memory.
4. Create an alphabet book of memories to share stories that go with each letter of the alphabet. For instance, for "A" you might write down a favorite *animal* or *adventure* story. Find "Ideas of ABCs to Record" on page 13. You can use pages in this handout to create a fun mini album of your memories; just print a cover in your favorite color from pages 14–20 and also print pages 21–26. Cut the pages into blocks and then clip or tie them together.
5. Keep a question and answer (Q&A) notebook with your family members. Each day or week, have someone write a question for you in your notebook, and then write down your answer. Each family member could keep a notebook, and you could take turns asking questions in each other's book. If you write and answer one question a day, you'll have 365 fun facts about each other by the end of the year! Print a cover and inside pages for your book from the color options on pages 27–40 in this handout.
6. Rewrite the lyrics of a favorite song to share a memory or details about your daily life.
7. Each week, write someone a letter to thank them for something they've done with you, such as how they've helped you or what you like most about playing with them. Record the stories in your letters and keep copies to create a letter book filled with stories of special people in your life!
8. Use small toys or drawings to create a short stop-motion video of a favorite memory or of your everyday life. Be sure to record your voice telling the story to add to your video!
9. Choose some favorite family photos to create a slideshow movie. Add your voice sharing the story behind each picture. Choose photos around a theme (like vacations) or by year.
10. Record a character comparison! Think about your favorite characters from books, movies, or anywhere. Which character are you most like when you play games with friends? Which one are you most like when you help around home? Whose personality is most like yours? Write down your answer *and why* (be sure not to forget the why). If you want ideas for character-comparison questions, see page 41 in this handout.

Find even more fun, easy ways to share and record family stories at [FamilyFED.com](https://www.familyfed.com) (search "Family Stories"). There, you'll also find low-prep games and crafts that bring laughter and make it simple to create quality family time with all ages. Enjoy building new memories together in your ongoing family history with ideas at [FamilyFED.com](https://www.familyfed.com)!



Story Ideas to Share

Almost all stories that come to mind are great to share! From big moments to everyday activities, they're all a part of your story. Here are some ideas to get you started.

- What is your favorite thing to do after school?
- What do you like to do on weekends?
- What is a favorite vacation memory?
- What was a moment that made you laugh? cry? give thanks?
- Pick a holiday. What is your favorite tradition for that day?
- How did someone help you?
- How have you helped someone else?
- What do you like to do with friends?
- What does your family do together for fun?
- When and how did you achieve a goal?
- What makes you happy?
- When did you learn a skill?

Ideas of ABCs to Record

Write down stories that come to mind when you read these words:

A: Animals, adventures, airplanes, abilities, autumn, art

B: Breakfast, bedtime, books, backyard, beach

C: Cars, cooking, church, collections, clubs, choices, clothes, create

D: Dinnertime, dentist, doctors, discoveries

E: Extended family, electronics, exercise, energy

F: Family, favorites, friends, food, fun, festive

G: God, grandparent, games, groups, grateful, good, goals

H: Home, holidays, heroes, hard, hobbies

I: Instruments, indoor, influences, injury, inspiration, ice

J: Jobs, jokes, joy, jump

K: Kid time, kits, knowledge, kick, keys

L: Lunch, learning, laughter, like, lake

M: Me, music, movies, mysteries, make, mail, messages

N: Neighbors, neighborhood, news, name, nice

O: One-on-one time, outdoor, ocean, obedience, opportunity

P: Parent, park, playing with friends, prayer, peace, proud

Q: Quake, quick, quirk, quiz

R: Rainy days, road trips, recess, revelation, rewards

S: Siblings, school, sunny days, service, spring, summer, struggles, strong, smells, sounds

T: Teachers, toys, treats, talking, teams

U: Unexpected surprises, unusual, understanding, unique

V: Vacations, very important people, van, videos, values

W: Weather, wins, water, winter, writing, wishes, welcomes

X: X-rays, eXtras

Y: Yesterday, yummy, yucky, yourself, yoga

Z: Zoom, zoo, zap

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Family Fun Q&A

A little about me with
questions from my family!

Name: _____

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Character Comparison

Think about characters from your favorite books, movies, or anywhere. How are you the same or different from them? Write down your answers to some questions below in a book or journal. Be sure to share **WHY** you chose the characters you chose!

- Whom are you like when you spend time with family?
- Whom are you like when you play with your friends?
- Whom are you like when you clean your home?
- Who lives in a home like yours?
- Who looks like you?
- Who eats your favorite foods the most?
- Who has hobbies like yours?
- Who solves problems like you do?
- Whom are you most like?
- Who has done a lot of the things you've done?
- Who takes care of other people like you do?