



LITTLE SURPRISES

- Softened butter whipped with honey for rolls
- Grab some fortune cookies from the Asian section at the grocery store and surprise everyone with a themed meal
- Play "new food monday" (or whatever day you go to the store) and always bring home a new item for everyone to try!
- Cut your kids first initial out of their quesadilla (still puts the "scraps" on their plate, or eat them yourself)
- Make a box of brownies from the store. Sprinkle them with powdered sugar or sprinkles and put them on the table during dinner. It's the simplest dessert, but always makes everyone smile!
- Melt chocolate in a bowl and transfer it to a ziploc bag. Cut the corner and spell your families names out on their dessert plates. Pretend that you didn't just create a whole other round of dishes and soak in the MVP award for the night.
- Buy seasonal paper plates and set the table for dinner like it's a big deal. If themed food is available, include that as well!
- If your crew is used to drinking water or the same old things, indulge them with a "special" drink. Root beer and sparkling grape juice are favorites in our house. Use tea cups or stemware to enhance the experience.