



Imagine Your Story

Missions: Ages 0-10

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June 1: Mission 1

☐ Ages 0-10: Popsicles

Make popsicles by pouring juice into ice cube trays and placing a toothpick in each cube. Freeze then eat!

☐ Ages 0-4: Food Taste & Texture

Pick a letter and eat three foods with that letter. Describe how they taste and feel.

☐ Ages 0-4: Food Science

Add food coloring to cups of water and put in celery stalks. What do you think will happen?

☐ Ages 5-10: Letter-Writing

Write a letter to someone to brighten their day.

☐ Ages 5-10: Garden Craft

Collect an object from nature with a lot of nooks and crannies and build a bug hotel!

June 1: Mission 2

☐ Ages 0-10: Father's Day Fun

Make a card for a father, a friend's father, an uncle, or grandfather.

☐ Ages 0-4: Food Colors & Names

Talk about the color of foods and their names.

☐ Ages 0-4: Food & Books

Read a book about food. Pretend to be one of the characters and retell the story.

☐ Ages 5-10: Bee Garden

Plant a sun-loving flower to attract and feed bees.

☐ Ages 5-10: Gratitude Challenge

Send someone a thank you note or write a letter saying why you are thankful for them. Then, challenge them to do the same.

June 8: Mission 3

☐ Ages 0-10: Buddy Belly Breaths

At bedtime or anytime, lie on your back and place a small stuffed animal on your belly. Breathe deeply and watch your belly and stuffed animal rise and fall.

☐ Ages 0-4: Act Like an Animal

Take turns with family or a friend pretending to be different animals and guess which animal the other person is pretending to be.

☐ Ages 0-4: Cuddly Critters

Talk about the names of baby animals such as kitten, puppy, or calf. Then play "Which animal is bigger?"

☐ Ages 5-10: Imagine Your Creature

Design your own animal! Draw and write or tell about it!

☐ Ages 5-10: Animal Nature Walk

Take a walk outside and search for animals. Record what animals you see, the sounds you hear, or what the animals are doing.

June 15: Mission 4

☐ Ages 0-10: Numbers

Use play dough or another dough to make shapes of the numbers 1 to 10.

☐ Ages 0-4: How Many in My Family?

Draw a picture of family members who live with you. Count how many people.

☐ Ages 0-4: The Best Book

Have everyone in your family vote on their favorite picture book. Read the book.

☐ Ages 5-10: Flip Out

Flip a coin. Guess which side will land face up. See how many times in a row it lands with the same side facing up.

☐ Ages 5-10: What Weighs More?

Make a scale. Attach equal lengths of string to two plastic cups and hang them on opposite ends of a hanger. Hang your scale from a doorknob and put different items like marshmallows or coins in the cups to see what weighs more!



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June 22: Mission 5

☐ Ages 0-10: Color Pink

Point out and talk about things that are pink. Wear something pink or draw a picture of a pink animal.

☐ Ages 0-4: An Alphabet of Colors

Name a color for as many letters of the alphabet as you can.

☐ Ages 0-4: Eat Your Greens

How many green vegetables can you name? Count the number of green vegetables you eat each day.

☐ Ages 5-10: Castles

Draw a picture of a castle and make up a story about a family that lives in the castle.

☐ Ages 5-10: Color Red

Get your heart rate up by doing jumping jacks! Spell your name or count while you jump.

June 29: Mission 6

☐ Ages 0-10: Chalk Neighborhood

Create a chalk city on your sidewalk.

☐ Ages 0-4: Cloud Shapes

Go outside, lie on the ground, and look up at the clouds. What shapes do you see?

☐ Ages 0-4: Alphabet in Nature

Walk outside. Find items with the first letter of your name.

☐ Ages 5-10: Birds

Count the birds you see in your backyard. Write down or draw pictures of the birds.

☐ Ages 5-10 Create a Rainbow

Turn on a garden hose and create a fine spray of water. Stand with your back to the sun, and a rainbow appears in the spray!

July 6: Mission 7

☐ Ages 0-10: Music & Sound

Make music with water! Fill glasses with different amounts of water and use a fork or spoon to gently tap the glass. Listen to the different sounds each glass makes.

☐ Ages 0-4: Sing to Me

Sing a song to your child in the morning or after a nap to wake them up.

☐ Ages 0-4: Animal Sounds

Talk about what sounds different animals make. Draw a picture of animals that sing.

☐ Ages 5-10: Musical Theatre

If you have a favorite musical, sing or play some of the music.

☐ Ages 5-10: Musicians

Explore PebbleGo through HCLS Now! eContent for kids and look for musicians.

July 13: Mission 8

☐ Ages 0-10: Three Tales

Read three tales with "three" in the title. Make groups of three from your toys. Draw a picture using three colors.

☐ Ages 0-4: Fairy Tale Act

Read a story, then act it out using puppets, dolls, or stuffed animals.

☐ Ages 0-4: Create A Fairy Tale

Read a fairy tale together, or make up your own story.

☐ Ages 5-10: Fractured Fairy Tales

Fracture your own fairy tale. Read a favorite fairy tale and retell it putting your own twist on it.

☐ Ages 5-10: Castle Building

Make a castle using building materials like paper towel rolls and shoe boxes.

July 20: Mission 9

☐ Ages 0-10: 'I Spy'

Play 'I Spy' and find an object that starts with the first letter or letter sound of each family member's name.

☐ Ages 0-4 Let's Cook Together!

Make something healthy to eat. Find a recipe and talk about the ingredients as you cook.

☐ Ages 0-4: Dance Party

Put on some music and dance! Dance to different types of music and see how your dancing changes. You can stream music for free. Go to hclibrary.org HCLS Now! Stream.

☐ Ages 5-10: Book Club

Start a book club with a friend. Read the same book or read to each other and discuss and share what you have read or learned.

☐ Ages 5-10: Scavenger Hunt

Plan a scavenger hunt using items in your home such as books and toys.



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July 27: Mission 10

☐ Ages 0-10: Vacation

Plan a vacation at home. Then each family member shares an activity they want to do. Try out some or all of the activities.

☐ Ages 0-4: Plan a picnic

Plan and have a picnic in your yard, or inside your house.

☐ Ages 0-4: Maryland Animals

Talk about the kinds of animals that live around your home.

☐ Ages 5-10: United States

Explore National Geographic Kids through HCLS Now! Learn about Maryland, a state you have visited, or would like to visit.

☐ Ages 5-10: Find your location

Look at a Howard County or Maryland map to find your location in Howard County, Maryland.

August 3: Mission 11

☐ Ages 0-10: Dandelion

Pick dandelions and make a crown or, blow on a dandelion puff and make a wish.

☐ Ages 0-4: Dress up

Play dress up using old clothes. Put on a show.

☐ Ages 0-4: Fort or Castle

Build a small fort or castle using boxes, blankets and chairs.

☐ Ages 5-10: Celebrity Chef

Imagine you are a celebrity chef and "teach your audience" how to make your favorite snack.

☐ Ages 5-10: Paint a Rock

Paint a rock and leave it somewhere for someone to find.

August 10: Mission 12

☐ Ages 0-10: Moon

Sing the nursery rhyme "Hey, Diddle, Diddle" as you look at the moon.

☐ Ages 0-4: Stars

Identify a star shape and sing a star song such as: "Star Light, Star Bright" or "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star".

☐ Ages 0-4: Water Paint

Use water to paint outside and watch it evaporate.

☐ Ages 5-10: Wish on a Star

Look in the sky for the first star of the night and make a wish.

☐ Ages 5-10: Your Animal

Learn which animal represents your birth year in the Chinese Zodiac.

August 17: Mission 13

☐ Ages 0-10: Go on a Trip

Pretend you and your family are going on a car trip. Write down what you did and draw a picture of your trip.

☐ Ages 0-4: Draw

Imagine what it might be like to live on the moon. Draw a picture of what you imagine.

☐ Ages 0-4: Sing

Make a song about August and sing it with your family.

☐ Ages 5-10: Space Adventure

Read a book about a space adventure, then design a cover for the book.

☐ Ages 5-10: Be an Animal

What kind of animal would you like to be? Write a short story about your adventure as that animal.

August 24: Mission 14

☐ Ages 0-10: Nature Walk

Take a nature walk with your family. Identify 10 things you see on your walk and talk about them together.

☐ Ages 0-4: Fairy Tale Adventure

Read a fairy tale together. Or make up a fairy tale and share it.

☐ Ages 0-4: Purple Crayon

Draw a picture with a purple crayon.

☐ Ages 5-10: Space

Read a book about something in space.

☐ Ages 5-10: Picnic Clouds

Have a picnic outside with your family. Lay on a blanket and look up at the clouds. Describe what the clouds look like. Then, draw a picture of the clouds.