

The Lunch Crate

Easy Ideas for Learning Together
(Even with Teens)



What's a Lunch Crate?

The Lunch Crate is a short, relaxed time when everyone in your homeschool comes together to learn the same thing. If you've ever done circle time or a morning basket, this will feel familiar—just moved to lunchtime and adapted for older kids.

There's no right way to do this. You don't need all the things. Pick one or two ideas, rotate them, and keep it simple.

Lunch Crate Ideas to Mix & Match



Read-Alouds

- Chapter books or short stories
- Biographies or interesting nonfiction
- Bible passages or devotionals
- Essays or excerpts that spark conversation



Poetry & Literature

- Read one poem aloud
- Share a favorite quote
- Compare two short pieces
- Listen to a poem being read
- Write your own short poem



Current Events

- Read or watch a short news story
- Talk about what stood out
- Ask, "What do you think?"
- Connect with geography or history



Art & Music

- Look at one piece of art
- Listen to a short piece of music
- Learn about an artist or composer
- Try a quick creative prompt



Life Skills

- Try a simple recipe
- Talk through budgeting or planning
- Work on a home improvement project together



Videos & Mini Documentaries

- Educational YouTube clips
- Science or history videos
- Nature or culture documentaries



Games & Thinking Activities

- Logic puzzles or riddles
- Word games
- Trivia or discussion cards
- Brain teasers
- Quick dice/card games
- Math games
- Real world word problem



Seasonal & “National Day” Fun

- Celebrate seasonal traditions or holidays
- Use national days as discussion starters
- Tie themes to food, history, or culture
- A quick celebration or conversation can make a memorable day.

YOUR IDEAS: _____

