

# Celebrating Valentine's Day As A Family



*Focusing on the family teaches your child values that are important to the meaning of Valentine's Day. Plan a family date. Your children will value their involvement, as will you because children grow up so quickly! Cherish your elderly relatives and spread joy to the lonely. While bonding, you and your family can realize the gratitude you have for each other.*

## Celebrating As A Family

To nurture creativity, pull out the art supplies and create Valentine's Day cards. Have a painting party with your family and display the best paintings of the night on your wall. When creating a dinner buffet, each person can choose toppings for personal heart-shaped homemade pizzas and decorate heart-shaped cookies for dessert. After dinner, gaze at the night sky where according to seasky.org, the full moon will appear on February 14, 2014.

## Focus On Grandparents

Bring joy to the elderly. Grandparents appreciate sentimentality, so create a poem, make a best grandparent award and mail a handmade card. If you live near relatives, take a walk as a family. As a thoughtful gift for a grandmother, buy comfortable, supportive and practical Arcopédico footwear, which come in a festive Rose style, from arcopedicousa.com.

## Giving To Others: Philanthropy

Showing your generosity is as simple as giving a card to a lonely neighbor, buying Fair Trade Certified items, and donating used clothing to the needy. Take homemade Valentine's Day cards to a nursing home where your child can sing, play music, do storytelling, or perform a monologue to entertain lonely residents. Bring food and blankets to an animal shelter. Create quilt squares and letters of hope and love to send overseas in collaboration with not-for-profit More Than Warmth.

## 15 Unique Gifts for Children on Valentine's Day

For Valentine's Day choose items outside of the typical flowers and chocolates with unique gift ideas for your children. Encouraging a family bonding experience, some products complement plans for a family date night. Festive clothing, accessories, books, and toys can enthrall your child! Follow this guide to find unique gifts that reveal the appreciation you have for your children.

### Kimochis® Toys With Feelings Inside [www.shop.kimochis.com](http://www.shop.kimochis.com)

As a small plush heart nestled inside a large plush heart, Nesting Heart reminds your child of your love when you separate. Other festive items are Bella Rose®, which comes in a soft pink, and Lovey Dove® that comes with a baby dove.

### Livie & Luca [www.livieandluca.com](http://www.livieandluca.com)

In the spring/summer 2014 collection, the pink Fundot style of shoes has glittery heart cutout accents on the strap, buttons on the front, and a leaf green lining.

### Tadpole and Lily [www.tadpoleandlily.com](http://www.tadpoleandlily.com)

Handcrafted in America, children's headbands and hair bows have subtle and vibrant pink as well as bright red coloring. Patterned neckties and bow ties come in pink and red.

### Zupers [www.zupergirls.com](http://www.zupergirls.com)

UV protective patterned leggings with heart-shaped knee pads come in shades of pink.

### Seam Clothing [www.seamclothing.com](http://www.seamclothing.com)

Seam Clothing debuts new light pink and white designs in the spring '14 collection.

### Babiators [www.babiators.com](http://www.babiators.com)

Wicked White and Princess Pink sunglasses make fashionable choices for little hipsters.

### Paper Hat Press [www.paperhatpress.com](http://www.paperhatpress.com)

Personalize I Love You Book & Pendant with your child's name and interests to memorialize the day.

### Soft Star Shoes [www.softstarshoes.com](http://www.softstarshoes.com)

Customize children's shoes and boots in red, fuchsia and pink with a heart button, a heart inlay, and heart cutouts.

### RadioFlyer [www.radioflyer.com](http://www.radioflyer.com)

Customize a bright red wagon or pink tricycle before strolling the neighborhood as a family.

### Tabeo E2 Tablet and Tabeoke Karaoke Machine [www.toysrus.com](http://www.toysrus.com)

To splurge for an aspiring singer, pair the Tabeo E2 Tablet with the Tabeoke Karaoke Machine and make a family date of practicing songs together.

### Magformers [www.magformers.com](http://www.magformers.com)

Inspire 30 Piece Set is a magnetic building set that has shades of pink. On the cover of the box is a girl building a heart.

### YBike [www.ybikeusa.com](http://www.ybikeusa.com)

Bright red, the GLX Pro scooter can enhance a family bonding experience at the park.

### GeoSafari® Omega Reflector Telescope [www.educationalinsights.com](http://www.educationalinsights.com)

Because the GeoSafari® Omega Reflector Telescope has a magnification power from 35X to 300X, the product is a thoughtful gift for budding astronomers. As a fun family activity, camp out in the yard and gaze at the moon, which is full on Valentine's Day.

### Purely Paige [www.purelypaige.com](http://www.purelypaige.com)

Have a brass or sterling silver bracelet inscribed with a quote from a children's book or a song that is meaningful to you and your daughter. For a son, have a silver guitar pick inscribed.

### Garden of Silver [www.gardenofsilver.com](http://www.gardenofsilver.com)

As a nice splurge for a daughter, buy nature-inspired dangle earrings shaped as roses, sunflowers, water lilies and daisies, which will impress and inspire gratitude far more than live flowers.

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