
Kids and Genealogy: Getting the Next Generation Involved

Five points to consider as you adapt ideas to fit your own family's needs:

1. What is the goal?
 - a. By defining your goal you can make sure that your activity meets that goal.
 - b. Do you want them to:
 - i. Learn names?
 - ii. Learn Geography?
 - iii. Learn how to research?
2. Consider the Age(s)
 - a. Each age group will be able to do different things
 - b. Consider strengths and interests
 - c. Consider abilities
3. Consider the Involvement
 - a. Will **you** be doing most of the work and just presenting or sharing?
 - b. Will the **kids** get involved in the planning or creating of the activity/product?
4. Plan to the Goal
 - a. Only include what will directly meet the goal.
 - b. Anything else is irrelevant and will confuse the point.
 - c. Be Specific!
 - i. There may be additional benefits from an activity but be sure you are focused on only one item!
5. Small Bites!
 - a. Be focused!
 - b. Have one (small) goal for each activity.
 - c. Make sure your goals are VERY limited.
 - d. Don't let them get bored!!!! Leave them wanting more!**

Examples:

Would you like to see the pictures? You can find a link to this syllabus and my PowerPoint presentation on my website: www.lundology.com. Select "presentations" in the menu at the top. (Password: BYU2013)

- Family History Wall Display
 - Fan Charts – www.treeseek.com
 - Modern charts – www.mytreeandme.com
- Matching Game
 - iPad apps – like "Photomatch Kids HD" (\$1.99) or "Personal PhotoMatch" (\$0.99)

- Buy a custom set – Pinhole Press “Memory Game” - \$19.99 - <https://www.pinholepress.com/>
- Calendar Activity
 - www.Shutterfly.com
- Genealogy Christmas Tree
- Feed Them
- Family or Individual Time Capsule
- Surname Pictures/Crest
 - Research on Google or www.behindthesurname.com
- Introduction to Genetics
- My History
 - Custom Board Books: <http://pintsizeproductions.com/>
 - Scrapbook Style: Project Life (mini album), by Becky Higgins
- Start a Family History Website or Blog
 - Try Blogger.com or Wordpress.com for free platforms
- Create a Video History
 - One company I found was: www.familylegacyvideo.com
- Map with Stickers
- Google Earth Tour
 - See Lisa Louise Cooke’s tutorial: <http://lisalouisecooke.com/free-google-earth-for-genealogy-video-class-by-lisa-louise-cooke/>
- ...and beyond!
 - What else do you know about?
 - What are the kids interested in?
 - What do you want to share?