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Avoid choosing a board game that is too hard for the kids' ages, or one that everybody dislikes playing. Start by playing one that the youngest child definitely can play. After that, let your youngest team up with someone for a bit more challenging game.



Only family members and friends are invited. Make it a rule that technology be set aside until your game night is over.



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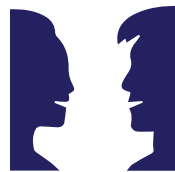
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Choose a game that allows for compliments to be given. Make a rule that each participant has to give out at least three compliments over the course of a single game.



Avoid blaming other individuals when playing a game. Focus on the compliments rather than on whose fault an outcome is.



Teach that it is important to reach an agreement. While there is a winner and a loser, reaching an agreement is an important piece in achieving an end goal.



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Share emotions while playing games. This allows individuals to practice the skill in a relaxed setting. Be aware that "out of the blue" conversations could happen.



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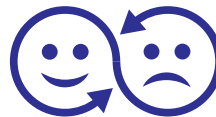
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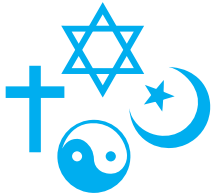


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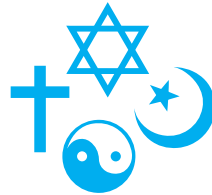


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People with strong relationships try to find time to spend time together. Time together helps one to not feel lonely. It helps create a feeling of belonging.

Showing Affection and Appreciation:

Showing respect and affection for the uniqueness of each person in the relationship is important.

Open Communication and Good Listening:

Families and friends who share beliefs and feelings and listen to one another feel more connected. Communication is one of the key elements of strong relationships — whether it is spending time talking about little things or big issues.

Spiritual Wellness:

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