THE GRANDPARENT CONNECTION
365 Ways To Connect With Your Grandchild's Heart

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Recognizing the technology of today and the simple ways of yesteryear, The Grandparent Connection helps generations learn from one another. Organized by month, it's filled with 365 ideas that include getting-to-know-you activities, fun ways to teach Bible verses, easy-to-make games (paper and electronic), creative suggestions for making lasting memories, and much more.

The Grandparent Connection is a wonderful resource for grandparents who want to build a strong connection with their grandchildren whether they live nearby or faraway. Each of the 12 chapters is devoted to a month of the year and offers fun seasonal projects and activities to work on together. There's a generous supply of suggestions to promote long distance bonding, as well as clever suggestions for surprises to mark important days. Written from a Christian perspective, each chapter includes a scripture, along with suggestions of ways to foster conversation about faith between the generations. It would make a perfect gift for any grandparent.
Running out of ideas to connect with your grandkids? Mary Larmoyeux and Nancy Downing offer a variety of unique ideas so you can make some special memories with your grandkids. This book would make a great gift for some special grandparents in your life, too.

I find the monthly themed organization of this book most helpful. It gives me activities to do with my grandchildren to keep the communication lines open. An example from the book: Give your grandchild some new mittens/gloves—in his favorite color. Buy a pair in the same color for yourself. Periodically email or text your grandchild and say "Today's our blue mitten day." Have a picture taken of yourself wearing the special mittens and send it to your grandchild. Another suggestion from the book is to share God's word with them? This is the purest value. If you haven't ever done this, try it and you will see the deep benefit you AND the grandkids receive. :-) I also like the way this book suggests ideas that will connect with different ages of grandchildren. I don't feel this book is limited to grandparents either. Parents can definitely use this resource for a better connection also. In today's disconnected culture, these ideas build crucial connection points to help grow a healthy foundation for our future generations.

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