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### Weekly Tasks

#### *Dedicated One-on-One Time*

Spend at least 30–60 minutes with each child individually. Engage in their interests (e.g., playing a game, watching a show, or discussing their week).

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#### *Check-In Conversations*

Ask open-ended questions like:  
"What's something you're proud of this week?"  
"What challenges did you face, and how can I help?"

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#### *Family Meal Together*

Share at least 2–3 meals as a family without distractions (no phones or TV). Use this time to share stories and create a relaxed environment for conversation.

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#### *Praise and Affirmations*

Acknowledge their efforts and achievements, even small ones. Example: "I noticed how hard you worked on your project. Great job!"

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#### *Conflict Resolution Time*

Address small misunderstandings before they escalate. Use a calm and collaborative approach to resolve issues.

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#### *Participate in a Joint Activity*

Do something together like cooking, gardening, or exercising. Activities build connection and encourage casual conversations.

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#### *Set Weekly Goals Together*

Discuss their goals for the week (academics, hobbies, or personal). Share your own goals to model goal-setting behavior.



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### Monthly Tasks

#### *Review Family Rules and Boundaries*

Revisit guidelines to ensure they are still relevant and fair. Invite input from your children to make it a collaborative process.

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#### *Celebrate Milestones*

Recognize achievements like completing a project, a good grade, or trying something new. Celebrate with a small reward or family outing.

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#### *Plan a Family Activity Day*

Spend quality time as a family doing something fun like hiking, visiting a museum, or playing sports.

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#### *Discuss Long-Term Goals*

Talk about their aspirations and interests. Offer guidance and support in planning their next steps.

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#### *Mental Health Check-Ins*

Ask about their emotional well-being. Encourage them to express their feelings without judgment.

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#### *Parental Reflection*

Evaluate your own communication style.

Ask yourself:

"Am I listening actively?"

"Am I giving them enough space to share openly?"

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#### *Teach a Life Skill*

Use this opportunity to teach something practical, like budgeting, cooking, or time management.

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#### *Additional Tips*

**Consistency:** Stick to these routines but remain flexible to accommodate their changing needs.

**Non-Verbal Communication:** Pay attention to body language, tone, and expressions.

**Adjust for Growth:** As teenagers grow, adapt tasks to match their developmental stage.