

A movie poster for 'The Magic Faraway Tree'. The background is a soft-focus sky with a small yellow biplane flying in the upper right. In the center, a man with a beard and a woman are embracing. To the left, a woman in a black dress and hat looks on. Below them, a young girl in a green dress stands. At the bottom left, three children are gathered. To the right, an older man with a large white hat and a woman in a colorful dress are visible. A large, glowing tree trunk is in the center background. The title 'THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE' is written in a stylized, golden font across the middle.

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A lush, magical forest scene. A dirt path leads from the bottom center towards the background, flanked by dense green foliage and trees. The trees have thick, gnarled trunks and are covered in ivy. A bright, golden light emanates from the center of the path, creating a strong glow. The title "THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE" is written in a large, ornate, golden serif font, centered over the glowing area. The overall atmosphere is whimsical and enchanting, with soft lighting and a sense of depth.

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WELCOME TO YOUR Family Adventure

When I first watched *The Magic Faraway Tree*, I expected a delightful family film filled with adventure, imagination, and a little bit of magic. What I didn't expect was how deeply it would remind me of my own journey as a mother.

As I watched the family in the story struggle to connect with one another, I found myself reflecting on something I learned while raising my five children: family culture doesn't happen by accident.

It is built.

It is built one dinner conversation at a time. One family walk at a time. One book read aloud together at a time. One shared joke, one family tradition, one adventure, and one memory at a time.

Years ago, I began to realize that the strongest families weren't necessarily the busiest, the wealthiest, or even the most talented. They were the families who intentionally created opportunities to spend meaningful time together.

For our family, books became part of our culture. Stories like *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *The 100 Cupboards Series*, *The Princess Bride*, and countless others became woven into our everyday lives. We quoted them around the dinner table. We laughed about them years later. The characters and lessons became part of the language of our family.

We also discovered that some of our best memories weren't found in elaborate vacations or expensive activities. They were found on nature walks, family game nights, backyard adventures, long conversations, and simple moments spent together.

One of my favorite themes in *The Magic Faraway Tree* is the family's song. At first, it feels like a small detail. But by the end of the story, it becomes something much bigger. The song represents a family culture—a shared experience that belongs uniquely to them.

Every family has the opportunity to create those kinds of moments.

Not because they happen naturally, but because we choose to make space for them.

In today's world, that often means putting distractions aside long enough to be fully present with one another. Technology certainly has its place. We can watch movies together, learn together, and even share wonderful experiences through it. But the strongest family memories are often created when we move beyond consuming something together and begin creating something together.

That is the purpose of this journal.

Over the next fourteen days, you'll be invited to explore nature, share conversations, dream together, laugh together, and create meaningful family experiences inspired by the themes of *The Magic Faraway Tree*.

My hope is that this guide becomes more than an activity book.

I hope it becomes a collection of memories.

I hope it helps your family create traditions, discover new adventures, and perhaps even develop a few inside jokes, favorite sayings, or family rituals of your own.

Most of all, I hope it reminds you that the greatest adventures are rarely found in magical lands.

They're found in the people we share them with.

*Welcome to your
family's adventure.*

— REBECCA FARRIS

HOW TO USE THIS Journal

This journal was created to help families experience some of the most meaningful themes found in The Magic Faraway Tree—**adventure, imagination, nature, gratitude, and most importantly, connection.**

Over the next fourteen days, your family will be invited to step away from distractions and step into shared experiences. Some activities will take you outdoors. Others will spark conversations around the dinner table. Some will encourage creativity, while others will simply invite you to slow down and enjoy one another's company.

There is no perfect way to complete this journal.

You may choose to complete one activity each day for two weeks, spread the activities out over several weekends, or adapt them to fit your family's schedule. The goal is not to finish quickly.

The goal is to be present.

Each day includes four simple elements:

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Questions designed to help family members share stories, ideas, and perspectives.

FAMILY ADVENTURE

A hands-on activity inspired by the themes of the film.

NATURE CONNECTION

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Simple opportunities to observe, explore, and appreciate the world around you.

REFLECTION

A chance to record memories, discoveries, and lessons learned along the way.

As you move through the journal, remember that there are no right or wrong answers. The most valuable part of this experience isn't completing the pages—it's the conversations, laughter, discoveries, and memories that happen while completing them together.

By the end of this journey, our hope is that your family has created something even more valuable than a finished activity book.

We hope you've created new memories, new traditions, and perhaps even a few stories you'll be telling for years to come.

So gather your family, put away the distractions, and begin your adventure.

The Faraway Tree is waiting.

WHY THIS STORY

Matters



There are very few family films that leave me thinking long after the credits have rolled. *The Magic Faraway Tree* was one of those films.

On the surface, it's a magical adventure. There are fantastical lands, unforgettable characters, exciting challenges, and plenty of humor. But underneath all of that is a story that feels incredibly relevant to families today.

It's a story about connection.

As I watched the family in the film, I couldn't help but think about how easy it is for all of us to become disconnected—not just from nature, but from one another. We live in a world filled with distractions. Parents are busy. Children are busy. Technology competes for nearly every spare moment. Even when we're sitting in the same room, we aren't always truly together.

What I loved most about this story is that it never lectures us about those challenges. Instead, it gently reminds us what happens when a family begins sharing experiences again. As the family climbs the Faraway Tree, explores new lands, faces challenges together, and begins understanding one another in new ways, they slowly become the family they were always meant to be.

That idea resonated deeply with me because I experienced something similar while raising my own children.

Looking back, I don't think the strongest part of our family was any one vacation, holiday, or

milestone. It was our family culture.

Culture is an interesting word because we often think of it as something a country or community has. But every family has a culture, too. The question isn't whether your family has one—it's whether you're creating it intentionally.

Our family culture wasn't built overnight. It grew through hundreds of ordinary moments. Reading great books together. Quoting favorite movie lines around the dinner table. Taking walks. Playing games. Laughing over inside jokes that nobody else would understand. Those simple experiences became the threads that wove our family together.

One of my favorite moments in the film is the family's song.

At first, it almost feels insignificant. But by the end of the story, you realize the song isn't really about music at all. It's about belonging. It's about sharing something that is uniquely theirs—a tradition that reminds them who they are when they're together.

Every family deserves moments like that.

Not because someone else tells us to create them, but because they become the memories our children carry into adulthood. Long after they've forgotten what presents they received or where they went on vacation, they'll remember the traditions, the stories, the adventures, the songs, and the conversations that made their family feel like home.

That's why this journal exists.

Yes, you'll spend time outdoors. You'll complete activities inspired by the film, explore nature, dream together, and enjoy adventures as a family. But my hope is that something even more meaningful happens along the way. I hope these pages simply create opportunities—opportunities to put away the distractions, have one more conversation, take one more walk, read one more chapter together, or linger just a little longer around the dinner table.

Because that's the real magic of *The Magic Faraway Tree*. It isn't found only in the magical lands or extraordinary adventures. It's found in the ordinary moments when a family chooses to slow down, be fully present with one another, and intentionally build memories that will last a lifetime.

NATURE

The Faraway Tree reminds us that some of life's greatest adventures begin when we step outside. Nature slows us down, awakens our curiosity, and gives us space to notice the beauty that surrounds us every day. Whether you're exploring a forest trail, watching birds in your backyard, or simply sitting beneath a favorite tree, time spent outdoors helps families reconnect with both creation and one another.

FAMILY

Strong families aren't built by accident—they're built through shared experiences. Every conversation around the dinner table, every bedtime story, every family walk, and every tradition becomes part of your family's unique story. The memories we create together today become the foundation our children will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

IMAGINATION

Imagination is one of childhood's greatest gifts. It allows children to dream, create, ask questions, solve problems, and see possibilities beyond what is right in front of them. Stories like *The Magic Faraway Tree* remind us that imagination isn't something we outgrow—it's something we should continue to nurture throughout our lives.

DREAMS

One of the most touching parts of the film is the family's dream book—a reminder that every great adventure begins with imagining what could be. Dreaming together gives families direction and purpose. Whether you're planning future adventures, learning new skills, or imagining the kind of family you want to become, shared dreams help shape the life you'll build together.

GRATITUDE

Throughout the story, the characters discover that getting everything we wish for doesn't always bring lasting happiness. True contentment grows when we appreciate who we are, what we've been given, and the people who share life's journey with us. Gratitude helps us recognize that the greatest treasures are often the relationships and everyday moments we might otherwise overlook.



CREATING

Screen-Free

FAMILY TIME

When my children were growing up, technology looked very different than it does today. There were no smartphones competing for our attention at the dinner table, and social media wasn't constantly pulling us away from the people sitting right beside us. Even so, I learned early that if I wanted our family to have a strong culture, I couldn't simply hope it would happen. I had to create opportunities for it.

One of the simplest traditions we established was that when it was time for dinner, everything else stopped. Today, that might mean placing phones in a basket before sitting down together. Not because technology is bad, but because the people around the table deserve our full attention.

That's really what this section is about.

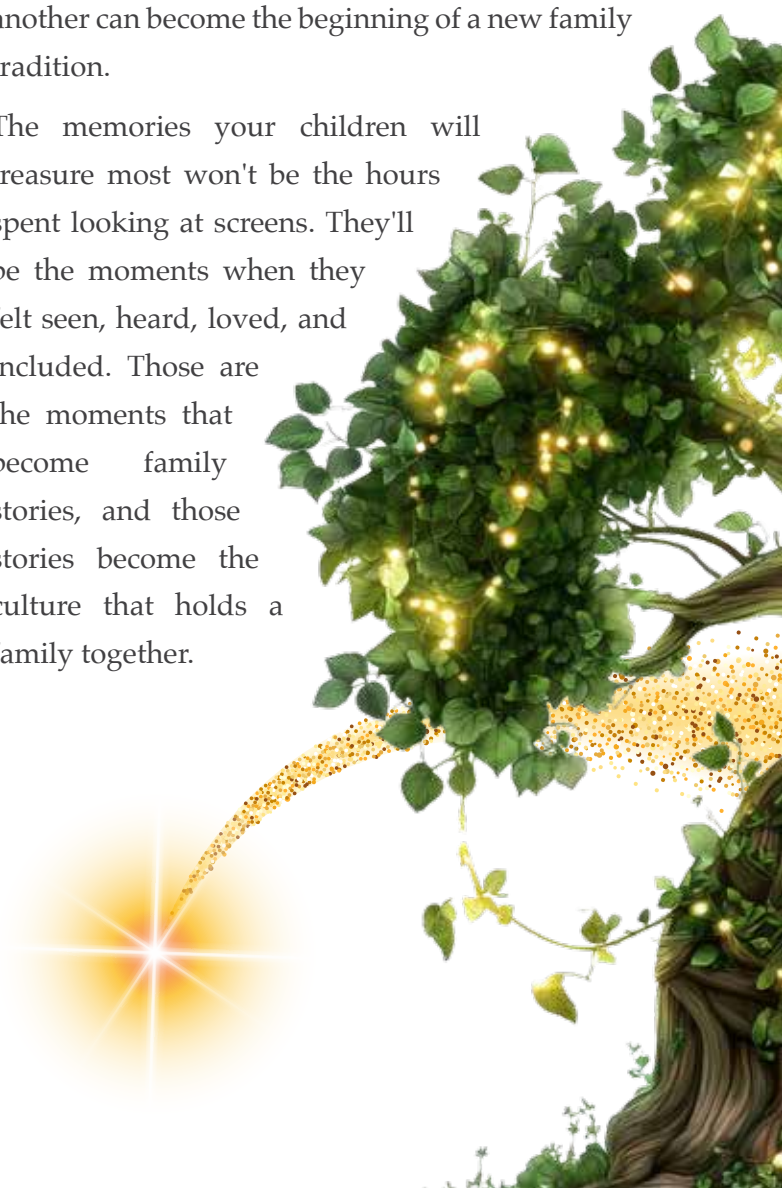
This isn't a guide to eliminating technology from your home. Technology allows us to learn, create, communicate, and even enjoy wonderful family movies like *The Magic Faraway Tree*. The goal isn't to remove it—it's to make sure it doesn't replace the experiences that build lasting relationships.

If you want to strengthen your family's culture, begin by creating intentional moments where everyone is fully present. Read a chapter of a book together before bed. Take a walk after dinner. Play a favorite board game. Bake cookies together. Build a fort in the living room. Spend an afternoon exploring a local park. The

activity itself matters far less than the fact that you're sharing it together.

As you complete the activities in this journal, don't worry about being perfect. Start small. Even setting aside thirty minutes to be completely present with one another can become the beginning of a new family tradition.

The memories your children will treasure most won't be the hours spent looking at screens. They'll be the moments when they felt seen, heard, loved, and included. Those are the moments that become family stories, and those stories become the culture that holds a family together.



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1. Create a phone basket for family meals.
 2. Choose one evening each week as Family Adventure Night.
 3. Read one chapter of a book together each evening.
 4. Take a family walk after dinner.

5. Visit a local park, trail, or nature preserve.
6. Start a new family tradition inspired by this journal.
7. Leave devices behind during one family outing this week.



FAMILY REFLECTION

What is one small change our family could make this week to spend more intentional time together?

Ideas

TO GET STARTED

BUILDING YOUR Family Culture

When we hear the word culture, we often think about countries, traditions, or communities. But every family has a culture of its own.

Your family's culture is made up of the little things that happen over and over again. It's the traditions you celebrate, the stories you tell, the meals you share, the songs you sing, the jokes everyone understands, and the values that quietly shape everyday life. Whether you've planned it or not, your family already has a culture.

The wonderful news is that family culture isn't something reserved for perfect families. It's something every family can intentionally build.

One of my favorite moments in *The Magic Faraway Tree* is the family's song. It may seem like a small part of the story, but it represents something much bigger. It isn't really about music—it represents belonging. It reminds the family who they are and what they share together.

As I looked back over the years with my own children, I realized we had created a family culture without even noticing it at first. We read wonderful books together, and before long, those stories became part of our everyday conversations. We quoted *The Princess Bride*. We talked about *The Chronicles of Narnia*. We laughed over moments

from the 100 Cupboards series. Those stories gave us a common language, and years later, we still smile when someone repeats one of those familiar lines.

Our family culture wasn't built because we planned extraordinary events every weekend. It was built because we intentionally spent time together. We read together. We explored together. We laughed together. We celebrated birthdays in special ways. We gathered around the dinner table. We created traditions that gave our children something to look forward to and something to remember.

Every family's culture will look different, and that's exactly as it should be. The goal isn't to copy someone else's traditions. The goal is to create traditions that reflect who your family is and who you hope to become.

As you continue through this journal, think about the kind of family culture you want to build. What traditions do you want your children to remember? What stories will they tell when they're grown? What values do you hope they'll carry into their own families one day?

Those memories begin with the small choices you make today.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Take a few minutes to talk together.

What are our favorite family traditions?

What books or movies have become part of our family's story?

What makes our family unique?

What is one new tradition we would like to begin this year?



FAMILY ACTIVITY

As a family, brainstorm three new traditions you would like to create. They don't need to be elaborate. In fact, the simplest traditions are often the ones that last the longest.

Perhaps it's Friday pizza night, Saturday morning pancakes, a monthly family hike, reading aloud before bed, or creating a family song like the one in *The Magic Faraway Tree*.

Choose one tradition and commit to starting it this week.

The traditions you begin today may become the memories your children treasure for the rest of their lives.



CREATING YOUR FAMILY

Dream Book



One of my favorite ideas in *The Magic Faraway Tree* is the family's dream book.

Long before they found themselves living in the countryside, they imagined it. They dreamed about a different life, a different home, and the kind of family they wanted to become. Those dreams eventually became their reality.

I love that reminder because every meaningful journey begins the same way—with a dream.

As parents, it's easy to spend our days focused on schedules, grocery lists, appointments, and the responsibilities of everyday life. Those things are important, but it's equally important to make time to dream together. When families dream together, they begin creating a shared vision for the future.

A dream book doesn't have to be complicated. It can be as simple as a notebook filled with ideas, sketches, ticket stubs, photographs, or lists of places you'd like

to visit and experiences you'd like to share. It becomes a record of the life you're building together and a reminder that some of your greatest adventures may still be ahead.

This isn't about expensive vacations or impossible goals. Some dreams are wonderfully simple. Planting a garden. Learning to bake bread together. Visiting every state park in your area. Reading a classic novel aloud. Sleeping under the stars. Learning to identify birds. Building a treehouse. Serving others as a family.

The purpose isn't to complete every dream.

The purpose is to become the kind of family that dreams together.

Years from now, you'll be amazed at how many of those dreams quietly became memories.



FAMILY DREAM BOOK ACTIVITY

As a family, begin your own Dream Book.

Talk about the experiences you hope to share, the places you'd love to explore, and the traditions you'd like to create. Write them down, draw pictures, or collect photographs and mementos that inspire you.

Don't worry about whether every dream comes true. The conversations you have while dreaming together are just as valuable as the dreams themselves.

DREAM TOGETHER

What places would we love to visit?

What new skills would we like to learn?

What adventures do we hope to experience together?

What traditions do we want our family to create?

What kind of family do we hope to become?

YOUR FAMILY

Adventure

BEGINS



EVERY GREAT
ADVENTURE STARTS
WITH A SINGLE STEP

In *The Magic Faraway Tree*, that step was climbing the tree. The children never knew what magical land they would discover next, but they climbed anyway—with curiosity, excitement, and a willingness to experience something new.

This journal is an invitation for your family to do the same.

Over the next fourteen days, you'll discover activities inspired by the themes of the film. Some days you'll spend time outdoors exploring nature. Other days you'll share conversations around the dinner table, create new family traditions, or simply enjoy being together without distractions. Every activity has been

designed to help your family slow down, reconnect, and create memories that will last long after these pages are filled.

There is no right way to complete this journey. You can work through one day at a time, spread the activities over several weekends, or adapt them to fit your family's schedule. If an activity sparks a wonderful conversation that lasts an hour, let it. If your family wants to spend an entire afternoon outdoors instead of moving to the next page, even better.

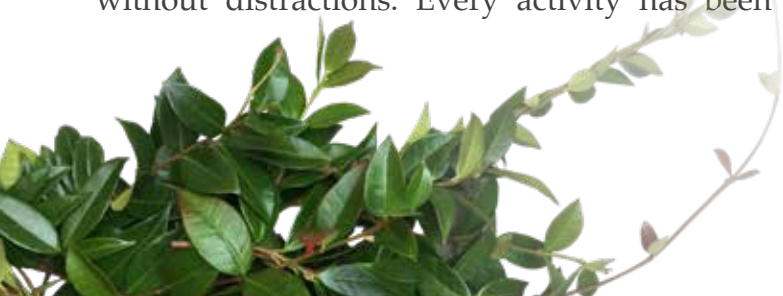
The goal isn't to finish the journal.

The goal is to enjoy the journey together.

As you begin, remember that every family's adventure will look a little different. Your traditions, conversations, discoveries, and memories will be uniquely yours. By the end of these fourteen days, my hope is that you'll have more than a completed activity book—you'll have stories you'll continue telling for years to come.

So gather your family, grab a pencil, head outdoors, and let the adventure begin.

THE FARAWAY
TREE IS WAITING.



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

As you work through each day, remember these four simple ideas:

BE PRESENT

Put away distractions and enjoy the time together.

BE CURIOUS

Ask questions, explore, and encourage wonder.

BE CREATIVE

There are no perfect answers. Make each activity your own.

HAVE FUN

The best memories often come from the moments you never planned.



CLIMB THE TREE

EVERY GREAT ADVENTURE BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP

Before the children discovered magical lands, they first had to climb the Faraway Tree. They didn't know what they would find at the top. They simply chose to begin the journey.

Every family adventure starts the same way.

You don't have to travel across the world or plan an elaborate vacation to create meaningful memories. Sometimes the greatest adventures begin by simply deciding to spend intentional time together.

Over the next fourteen days, your family will explore, create, laugh, dream, and discover new ways to connect with one another. Some activities will take you outdoors. Others will happen around the dinner table or in your own backyard. Wherever your adventure leads, remember that the goal isn't to complete every page perfectly—it's to enjoy the journey together.

TODAY IS SIMPLY ABOUT BEGINNING.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Before we begin our adventure,
let's talk together.



What does "adventure" mean to you?



What are you most excited to do over the next two weeks?



What is one adventure you've always wanted to have as a family?



What do you hope we'll remember after we finish this journal?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

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Create Your Family Adventure Promise

Every great team begins with a shared commitment. As a family, write a simple promise for this journey. It doesn't have to be perfect—just something that reminds everyone why you're taking this adventure together.

EXAMPLES:

We promise to be present.

We promise to encourage one another.

We promise to try new things.

We promise to laugh often.

*We promise to put our devices away
and enjoy our time together.*

Our Family Adventure Promise.

NATURE CHALLENGE

Find the tallest tree you can safely visit today.
Spend a few minutes looking up into its branches.

TALK TOGETHER:

How old do you think this tree is?

What animals might call it home?

What do you think it has witnessed over the years?

Sketch your tree in the space or write a few observations.

ADVENTURE JOURNAL

TODAY'S DATE: _____

One thing I hope our family experiences during this adventure:

One thing I'm thankful for today:

THE SCREEN-FREE CHALLENGE

MAKING SPACE FOR WHAT MATTERS MOST

One of the beautiful lessons in *The Magic Faraway Tree* is that the greatest adventures happen when we look up, step outside, and experience the world around us. Those moments are difficult to discover when our attention is always focused on a screen.

Technology is a wonderful tool. It helps us learn, communicate, create, and even enjoy wonderful stories like this one. But some experiences can only happen when we choose to set our devices aside for a little while.

Today's challenge isn't about giving something up.

It's about making room for something better.

By choosing to be fully present, even for just a short time, you create opportunities for conversations, laughter, discoveries, and memories that simply can't be scheduled or downloaded.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Talk together before you begin.



What do you enjoy doing on a screen?



What are some things we enjoy doing together without screens?



When do you feel most connected as a family?



What is one activity you've wanted to do together but haven't made time for?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

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The Screen-Free Challenge

Choose a block of time today—one hour, two hours, or even an entire evening—and put away all phones, tablets, televisions, and gaming devices.

Instead, choose one activity to enjoy together.

IDEAS INCLUDE:

Go for a family walk | Read a chapter of a favorite book

Play a board game | Build a fort

Bake something together | Visit a local park

Start your Family Dream Book

Sit outside and watch the sunset

The activity doesn't matter nearly as much as being together.

NATURE CHALLENGE

Spend at least twenty minutes outside today.

As you explore, see how many things you can discover using each of your five senses.

I saw...

I heard...

I smelled...

I touched...

I noticed...

ADVENTURE JOURNAL

TODAY'S DATE: _____

How did it feel to spend time without screens today?

What surprised you most about today's challenge?

What is one screen-free activity our family would like to do again?

CREATE YOUR FAMILY DREAM BOOK

DREAM ABOUT THE LIFE YOU WANT TO BUILD TOGETHER

One of the most memorable ideas in *The Magic Faraway Tree* is the family's Dream Book. Before they ever lived the life they imagined, they first dreamed about it together.

Dreaming is more powerful than we sometimes realize. It helps us look beyond today's routines and imagine the kind of family we hope to become. It reminds us that our greatest adventures may still be waiting for us.

Your family's Dream Book doesn't need to be perfect. It doesn't need fancy artwork or carefully written plans. It's simply a place to capture your family's hopes, adventures, traditions, and dreams. Over the years, you'll be amazed at how many of these dreams become wonderful memories.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Spend a few minutes dreaming

together.



What places would we love to visit?



What adventures would we like to have together?



What is something each person would love to learn?



What family traditions would we like to start?



When our children are grown, what do we hope they'll remember most about our family?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

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Begin Your Family Dream Book

Today, create the very first page of your Family Dream Book.

YOU MIGHT INCLUDE:

Places we want to visit | Skills we'd like to learn

Books we'd like to read together

Outdoor adventures we'd like to experience

Family traditions we'd like to begin

Ways we'd like to serve others

Holidays we'd like to celebrate in special ways

Draw pictures, make lists, cut out magazine photos, or simply write your ideas. *There is no right or wrong way to create your Dream Book.*

NATURE CHALLENGE

Find a peaceful place outdoors and spend a few quiet minutes together.

As you sit, talk about this question:

If our family could spend one perfect day in nature together, what would we do?

Write down everyone's ideas and add your favorite one to your Dream Book.

ADVENTURE JOURNAL

TODAY'S DATE: _____

One dream I have for our family is...

One adventure I hope we experience together someday is...

One tradition I'd love our family to begin is...

THE LAND OF WISHES

SOMETIMES WHAT WE WANT ISN'T WHAT WE TRULY NEED

Imagine being given one wish.

What would you choose?

In *The Magic Faraway Tree*, the children discover that getting exactly what they wished for didn't always make them happier. What seemed wonderful at first often came with unexpected challenges. They began to realize that sometimes we don't fully understand what will bring us lasting joy.

That's an important lesson for all of us.

It's natural to wish for things we don't have, but over time we also learn that some of life's greatest blessings can't be wished into existence. Strong friendships, loving families, kindness, courage, patience, and wisdom are all things that grow little by little as we live and learn together.

Today is an opportunity to think about the difference between what we want and what truly matters.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Talk together about these questions.



If you could make one wish today, what would it be?



Why did you choose that wish?



Do you think getting everything we want always makes us happier?



What are some things that can't be bought or wished for?



What are you most thankful for that you already have?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

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Three Wishes

Each family member writes down three wishes.
Then, as a family, talk about each one.

Would this wish solve a problem?

Could it create a new problem?

*Would it bring happiness for a day,
or would it make life better for years to come?*

There are no right or wrong answers.

The goal is simply to think together.

NATURE CHALLENGE

Take a walk together and look for three things that you might normally walk past without noticing.

Perhaps it's a tiny flower growing through the sidewalk, an interesting leaf, a bird building a nest, or sunlight shining through the trees.

Talk about how easy it is to overlook beautiful things when we're focused only on what we wish we had.



ADVENTURE JOURNAL

One thing I wish for is... TODAY'S DATE: _____

Why is this important to me?

One thing I already have that I'm especially thankful for is...

How can I appreciate that gift even more this week?

THE GRATITUDE TREE

THE GREATEST TREASURES ARE OFTEN ALREADY AROUND US

Have you ever noticed how easy it is to focus on what we don't have?

We all do it sometimes. We think about the next thing we want, the next place we'd like to go, or the next adventure we'd like to have. But one of the greatest lessons in *The Magic Faraway Tree* is learning to appreciate the gifts we already have.

Gratitude changes the way we see the world. Instead of focusing on what's missing, we begin to notice the people, places, and moments that make life beautiful. A walk through the woods, a family meal, a good book, laughter around the dinner table, or a quiet evening together may seem ordinary today, but one day those simple moments will become treasured memories.

The more we practice gratitude, the more we begin to realize that some of life's greatest blessings can't be measured or purchased. They are found in the relationships we build and the memories we create together.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Talk together about gratitude.



What is something that made you smile today?



Who is someone you're thankful for, and why?



What is one thing in nature that reminds you how amazing our world is?



What family tradition are you most thankful for?



What simple moment do you hope you'll always remember?

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FAMILY ACTIVITY

Create Your Gratitude Tree

Draw the trunk and branches of a large tree on a separate sheet of paper.

Then, cut out or draw leaves and invite each family member to write something they are thankful for on each one.

Continue adding leaves throughout the rest of your adventure together.

By the end of the journal, your tree will be filled with reminders of the many blessings your family has shared.

NATURE CHALLENGE

Visit your favorite tree today. Spend a few quiet minutes observing it.

Notice its shape, its bark, its leaves, the birds or insects nearby, and the shade it provides.

Talk together about all the ways a tree gives without asking for anything in return. *What can we learn from that?*

ADVENTURE JOURNAL

TODAY'S DATE: _____

Today I am especially thankful for...

One person who makes my life better is...

One simple moment from today that I never want to forget is...

NATURE EXPLORER DAY

LEARNING TO NOTICE

One of the greatest gifts nature gives us is
the opportunity to slow down.

In today's busy world, we often rush from one activity to the next without noticing the incredible world around us. Yet every walk outdoors is filled with discoveries waiting to be made. A bird building its nest, a tiny wildflower growing between the rocks, the intricate pattern on a leaf, or the sound of the wind moving through the trees are all reminders that wonder is often found in the smallest details.

Nature has a way of teaching us patience, curiosity, and gratitude. The more time we spend observing it, the more we begin to appreciate its beauty and complexity.

Today, instead of hurrying through nature, become an explorer. Walk slowly. Ask questions. Look closely. Listen carefully. You may be surprised by how much you've never noticed before.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

As you explore together, talk about what you discover.



What is the most interesting thing you've noticed today?



If you could ask one question about nature, what would it be?



What is your favorite place to spend time outdoors?



How does being outside make you feel?



Why do you think it's important to care for the natural world?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

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Become a Nature Explorer

Choose a park, trail, backyard, or nearby green space to explore together.

As you walk, see if your family can find:

- ☐ A bird | ☐ An insect | ☐ A flower
- ☐ An interesting leaf
- ☐ Something rough | ☐ Something smooth
- ☐ Something that smells pleasant
- ☐ Something you've never noticed before

Take your time. The goal isn't to finish the list—it's to enjoy discovering together.

NATURE CHALLENGE

Choose one thing you observed today and study it carefully. Draw it in the space and write a few notes about what you noticed.

I OBSERVED:

What did it look like?

What surprised me?

What questions do I still have?

ADVENTURE JOURNAL

TODAY'S DATE: _____

The most interesting thing I discovered today was...

One thing nature taught me today was...

One place I'd like to explore again is...

FAMILY STORY NIGHT

EVERY FAMILY HAS A STORY

Every family has stories.

Some make us laugh until we cry. Some remind us how far we've come. Others become the stories we tell over and over because they make us feel connected to the people we love.

One of the wonderful things about spending time together is that we begin to learn each other's stories. Children discover what their parents were like when they were young. Parents hear about their children's hopes, dreams, and memories. Those conversations help us understand one another in ways that everyday life often doesn't allow.

Years from now, your children may not remember every family outing or every birthday gift, but they'll remember the stories. They'll remember hearing how Mom and Dad met, the funny things Grandpa used to do, the adventure that almost went wrong, or the family vacation everyone still laughs about.

Tonight, take time to tell those stories.

One day, they'll become part of your family's history.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Take turns answering these questions together.

FOR PARENTS:

- What was your favorite game or toy when you were growing up?
- What did you want to be when you were a child?
- What is one funny story from your childhood?
- What is one lesson you learned that has stayed with you?

FOR CHILDREN:

- What is one of your favorite family memories?
- What adventure would you love our family to have?
- What makes our family special?
- What is something you've always wanted to ask your parents?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

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Story Night

Gather together after dinner with a favorite snack or dessert.

Have each family member share one story from their life. It can be funny, exciting, surprising, or meaningful. As each person shares, everyone else listens without interrupting, asks questions, and enjoys getting to know one another a little better.

You might even decide to begin a new family tradition by having a Story Night once each month.

NATURE CHALLENGE

If the weather allows, take your Story Night outdoors.

Sit beneath a tree, around a campfire, on the porch, or under the stars as you share your stories together.

Sometimes the best conversations happen when we're surrounded by nature.



ADVENTURE JOURNAL

TODAY'S DATE: _____

One story I heard today that I'll always remember is...

Something new I learned about someone in my family was...

One story I hope our family tells for many years is...

THE LAND OF GOODIES

FINDING “ENOUGH”

If you could visit a land filled with every sweet treat you could imagine, would you want to stay?

At first, it sounds wonderful. Everywhere you look there are cakes, cookies, chocolates, candies, and delicious surprises. It feels like a dream come true.

But in *The Magic Faraway Tree*, the Land of Goodies teaches us an unexpected lesson. The danger isn't the goodies themselves. The danger comes when we become so distracted by something enjoyable that we forget everything else.

Fran becomes so captivated by all the wonderful treats that she nearly loses track of time and almost misses her chance to leave. It's a gentle reminder that even good things can become unhealthy when they begin to consume our attention.

That lesson reaches far beyond candy.

Good things are meant to be enjoyed—but not at the expense of the people we love, the responsibilities we've been given, or the life happening around us.

Screens, video games, sports, shopping, hobbies, books, and even work can all become “too much” if they crowd out the things that matter most.

Learning to recognize when we've had enough is one of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Talk together about the idea of “enough.”



What is something you really enjoy?



Have you ever become so absorbed in something that you lost track of time?



How can we tell when something fun is becoming “too much”?



Why is balance important?



What helps our family stay connected to what matters most?

NATURE CHALLENGE

Nature is full of balance.

As you spend time outdoors today, look for examples of balance all around you.

Notice how trees need both sunshine and rain. Birds spend time gathering food, but they also rest. Every part of nature has seasons of activity and seasons of quiet.

Talk together about what nature teaches us about living a balanced life.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Finding “Enough”

As a family, make a list of things you enjoy.

Examples might include:

CANDY | READING

SPORTS

VIDEO GAMES

MOVIES

SHOPPING

COLLECTING THINGS

SOCIAL MEDIA

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Now talk about each one.

When is it enjoyable?

When might it begin taking the place of something more important?

Finally, have each family member complete this sentence:

*“I enjoy _____,
and I know I’ve had enough when...”*

Share your answers together.

ADVENTURE JOURNAL

TODAY’S DATE: _____

One thing I enjoy is...

How do I know when I’ve had enough?

What is one way I can make more room for family, friends, and the things that matter most?

Today I learned that “enough” means...

CREATE SOMETHING TOGETHER

THE JOY OF CREATING SIDE BY SIDE

Some of the best family memories aren't bought—they're built.

Whether it's a birdhouse, a blanket fort, a garden, a puzzle, a meal, or a simple craft, creating something together teaches us to work as a team. We learn to solve problems, encourage one another, laugh at our mistakes, and celebrate what we've accomplished together.

The finished project isn't the most important part.

The time spent creating it together is.

When families work side by side, conversations happen naturally. Children learn by watching. Parents discover new talents in their children. Everyone contributes something unique, and together you create something that wouldn't have existed without each person's help.

Today's challenge is simply to make something together.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Before you begin, talk together.



What is something our family has built or created together before?



What project would be fun for everyone?



What does each person enjoy making?



Why do you think working together feels different than working alone?

NATURE CHALLENGE

Look around your yard, neighborhood, or a nearby park for examples of things that have been carefully built.

CAN YOU FIND:

- ☐ A bird's nest ☐ A spider web
- ☐ An anthill ☐ A beehive
- ☐ A tree that has grown strong over many years

Talk about the time, patience, and care it takes to build something that lasts.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Build Something Together

Choose one project your family can complete together today.

IDEAS INCLUDE:

- ☐ Build a blanket fort.
- ☐ Plant flowers or herbs.
- ☐ Bake bread or cookies.
- ☐ Build a birdhouse.
- ☐ Paint rocks for your garden.
- ☐ Create a puzzle together.
- ☐ Cook a family meal.
- ☐ Make a scrapbook page.

Create a piece of art for your home.

Remember, the goal isn't perfection. It's working together.



ADVENTURE JOURNAL

Today we built...

TODAY'S DATE: _____

What was my favorite part of working together?

What did I learn about someone in my family today?

What is something else I'd like us to build together someday?

LISTEN TO NATURE

SOMETIMES THE QUIETEST MOMENTS TEACH US THE MOST

Have you ever noticed how rarely life is quiet?

Between busy schedules, conversations, music, television, and notifications, our days are often filled with noise. Yet when we step outside and simply listen, we discover that nature has its own beautiful soundtrack.

The wind rustling through the trees. Birds greeting the morning. Bees moving from flower to flower. Water flowing over rocks. Leaves dancing in the breeze.

These sounds remind us to slow down.

When we become quiet enough to listen, we also become more aware of the people around us, the beauty surrounding us, and the simple gifts we often overlook. Listening is one of the greatest ways we show love. It tells someone, “You matter, and I’m paying attention.”

Today, let nature remind you of the value of slowing down and truly listening.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

After spending time outside, talk together.



What was the first sound you noticed?



What surprised you while you were listening?



Which sounds made you feel peaceful?



Why do you think it's sometimes hard to be quiet?



How can we become better listeners—not only to nature, but also to one another?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

The Five-Minute Listening Challenge

Find a comfortable place outdoors where your family can sit together.

Set a timer for five minutes.

During those five minutes, don't talk. Simply listen. **When the timer ends, take turns sharing everything you heard.**

You might be surprised that no two people noticed exactly the same sounds.

NATURE CHALLENGE

How many different sounds can your family identify?

- ☐ Birds singing ☐ Wind in the trees ☐ Insects buzzing ☐ Flowing water
☐ Rustling leaves ☐ Animal sounds ☐ Rain (if you're lucky!)
☐ Something completely unexpected

Can you think of any others?

ADVENTURE JOURNAL

TODAY'S DATE: _____

The most beautiful sound I heard today was...

Being quiet helped me notice...

One way I can become a better listener at home is...

CELEBRATING WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE

YOU WERE CREATED TO BE YOU

Have you ever wished you were better at something?

Maybe you've wished you could run faster, sing better, be taller, draw more beautifully, or do something that seems to come easily to someone else.

We all compare ourselves sometimes.

In *The Magic Faraway Tree*, some of the children discover that changing the things they didn't like about themselves didn't bring the happiness they expected. Instead, they learned that trying to become someone else often causes us to overlook the wonderful qualities we already have.

Each of us has been given different talents, personalities, interests, and gifts. Those differences aren't mistakes—they're part of what makes every person special.

Families are a wonderful reminder of this. No two people in a family are exactly alike. Some love to read, while others love to build. Some enjoy singing, others enjoy exploring, organizing, creating, cooking, or making people laugh. Together, those different strengths help a family grow stronger.

Today is about celebrating those differences and recognizing that every person has something valuable to contribute.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Take turns encouraging one another.



What is something you appreciate about each member of our family?



What is one talent or gift you see in each person?



What is something you're proud of about yourself?



Why is it good that we're all different?



How do our different strengths help our family?

NATURE CHALLENGE

Spend a few minutes looking around you.

CAN YOU FIND:

- ☐ Two different leaves
- ☐ Two different flowers
- ☐ Two different birds
- ☐ Two different trees

Notice how each one is unique.

Nature isn't beautiful because everything is the same. It's beautiful because of its incredible variety.

Our families are much the same.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Celebrate One Another

Give each family member a piece of paper.

Write everyone's name at the top of their page.

Pass the pages around the circle, and have each person write one encouraging sentence about that family member.

EXAMPLES:

"I love how kind you are."

"You always make us laugh."

"You're a great problem solver."

"I admire your creativity."

When everyone is finished, read the pages aloud and take them home as reminders of the gifts you see in one another.



ADVENTURE JOURNAL

TODAY'S DATE: _____

One thing I like about myself is...

One gift I believe I have is...

One kind thing someone said to me today was...

One way I can encourage someone else this week is...

ACTS OF KINDNESS ADVENTURE

SMALL ACTS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Kindness has a wonderful way of growing.

A smile can brighten someone's day. A helping hand can make a difficult task easier. A thoughtful note can encourage someone who needs it. Often, the smallest acts of kindness leave the biggest impression.

One of the beautiful lessons found throughout *The Magic Faraway Tree* is that life isn't only about the adventures we experience ourselves. It's also about the way we care for the people we meet along the journey.

Every day gives us opportunities to make someone else's day a little brighter.

The wonderful thing about kindness is that it doesn't require money, special talents, or perfect circumstances. It simply requires paying attention to the people around us and asking, "How can I help?"

Imagine what could happen if every member of your family chose one intentional act of kindness each day.

Small acts, repeated over time, have the power to change families, friendships, and communities.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Talk together before beginning today's adventure.



What is the kindest thing someone has ever done for you?



How did it make you feel?



Why do small acts of kindness matter?



Who might need a little encouragement today?



How can our family make a difference this week?

NATURE CHALLENGE

Nature reminds us that giving is part of life's design.

Trees provide shade and shelter. Flowers feed bees and butterflies. Birds scatter seeds that help new plants grow.

As you spend time outdoors today, look for examples of how nature gives to others.

What can we learn from the generosity we see all around us?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

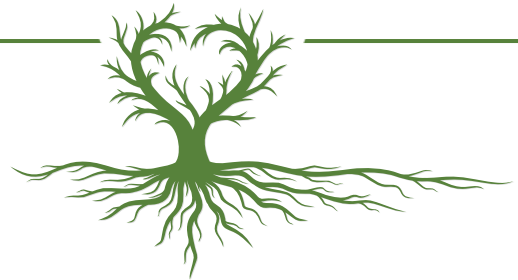
The Kindness Adventure

As a family, choose one or more acts of kindness to complete today.

IDEAS INCLUDE:

- ☐ Write a thank-you note.
- ☐ Bake treats for a neighbor.
- ☐ Pick up litter at a local park.
- ☐ Help someone with a chore.
- ☐ Leave an encouraging note for a family member.
- ☐ Visit an elderly friend or relative.
- ☐ Donate books or toys you no longer use.
- ☐ Make a meal for someone who could use a helping hand.

When you're finished, talk about how it felt to serve someone else.



ADVENTURE JOURNAL

TODAY'S DATE: _____

Today our family showed kindness by...

How did it make someone else feel?

How did it make me feel?

What is one act of kindness I'd like to do this week?

CREATE A FAMILY TRADITION

THE LITTLE THINGS BECOME THE BIG THINGS

When people think back on their childhood, they rarely remember ordinary Tuesdays.

They remember traditions.

Friday pizza night. Saturday morning pancakes. Birthday breakfasts. Family camping trips. Reading a favorite book every Christmas. Singing the same songs in the car. Movie nights with homemade popcorn. Walking the neighborhood after dinner.

Those are the moments that become part of a family's story.

Traditions don't have to be elaborate or expensive. In fact, the simplest traditions are often the ones that last the longest. What matters isn't how much money they cost or how much planning they require. What matters is that they bring your family together again and again.

One of my favorite traditions while raising my children was reading aloud together. Those stories became part of our family culture. We laughed together, quoted favorite lines, and years later we still remembered the adventures we experienced through those books.

As you've worked through this journal, you've already begun creating memories together. Today's challenge is to choose one tradition you'd like to continue long after these fourteen days are over.

Because family traditions don't just fill our calendars. They shape our families.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Talk together about your favorite memories.



What is your favorite family tradition?



What tradition would you like to continue forever?



Is there a tradition you've always wanted to start?



What makes a tradition meaningful?



How do traditions help families stay connected?

NATURE CHALLENGE

Many things in nature happen again and again.

The seasons change.
Flowers bloom. Birds return.
Trees grow one ring at a time.

Nature reminds us that beautiful things are often created through simple rhythms repeated over time.

What traditions would you like your family to repeat year after year?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Create a New Family Tradition

As a family, choose a family tradition to start.

Here are a few ideas to inspire you:

Family Adventure Night

Friday Pizza Night

Saturday Nature Walks

Monthly Service Project

Reading a Chapter Together
Before Bed

Sunday Afternoon Games

Backyard Campfire Night

Family Story Night

Gratitude Dinner

Seasonal Bucket List

Write your new tradition below and decide when you'll begin.

ADVENTURE JOURNAL

TODAY'S DATE: _____

The tradition I'm most excited to begin is...

I think this tradition will help our family...

Years from now, I hope our family remembers...

FAMILY CELEBRATION NIGHT

EVERY GREAT ADVENTURE DESERVES A CELEBRATION

Congratulations! Over the past fourteen days, your family has explored nature, shared conversations, dreamed together, laughed together, and created memories that are uniquely your own. You've climbed the Faraway Tree, visited new lands, and discovered that some of life's greatest adventures aren't found in magical places—they're found in the moments we choose to spend together.

**Today isn't about completing another challenge.
It's about celebrating your journey.**

Take time tonight to slow down, enjoy one another's company, and reflect on everything you've experienced together. Whether your celebration is a special dinner, a backyard picnic, a favorite dessert, or a family campfire, the most important part isn't what you do—it's taking time to celebrate being together.

And remember, this isn't the end of your adventure. **It's the beginning of many more.**

The greatest gift you can take away from this journal isn't a completed activity book. It's the realization that family culture is built one intentional moment at a time. Every conversation, every shared meal, every walk, every tradition, and every adventure becomes another chapter in your family's story.

May this be just the first of many adventures you'll share together.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

As you celebrate together, take turns answering these questions.



What was your favorite day of our adventure?



What surprised you the most?



What is one new thing you learned about someone in our family?



Which activity would you like to do again?



What family tradition are you most excited to continue?

ADVENTURE JOURNAL

TODAY'S DATE: _____

My favorite memory from this adventure was...

One thing I learned about our family is...

One tradition I hope we continue is...

Our next family adventure will be...



FAMILY ACTIVITY

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Celebrate Your Adventure

Choose a special way to celebrate today.

YOU MIGHT:

Share a favorite family meal.

Have a picnic outdoors.

Build a campfire and tell stories.

Look back through your journal together.

Read your Family Adventure Promise.

Look through your Dream Book.

Add a few more leaves to your Gratitude Tree.

Sing your family song or share your family motto.

Take a family photo to remember your adventure.

However you celebrate, remember to enjoy the moment together.

ADVENTURE COMPLETE!

You've completed your 14-Day Family Adventure Challenge! **But remember...**

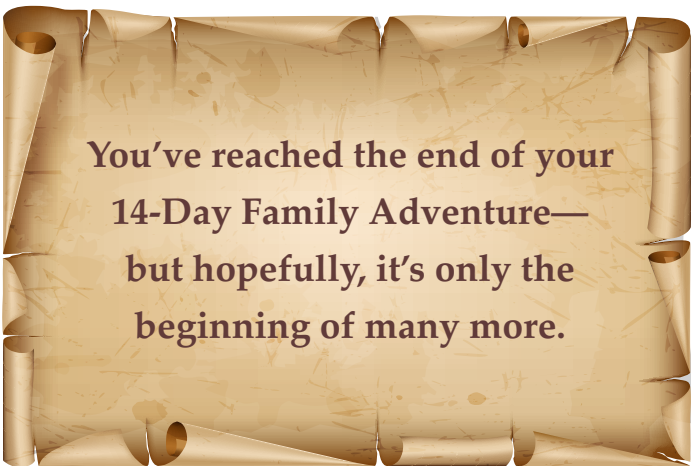
The Faraway Tree is always waiting for another climb.

Every family meal, every walk, every story, every dream, and every tradition is another opportunity to grow closer together and continue building your family's unique story.

Here's to many more adventures together.



KEEP THE Adventure GOING



**You've reached the end of your
14-Day Family Adventure—
but hopefully, it's only the
beginning of many more.**

Over the past two weeks, your family has explored nature, shared stories, dreamed together, practiced gratitude, created new traditions, and discovered that some of life's greatest adventures don't require a magical tree. They begin whenever we choose to be fully present with one another.

As you close this journal, remember that family culture isn't built in fourteen days. It's built over a lifetime through thousands of small moments that become treasured memories.

You don't have to do everything at once. Simply continue making space for what matters most.

Read one more chapter together.

Take one more family walk.

Share one more meal without distractions.

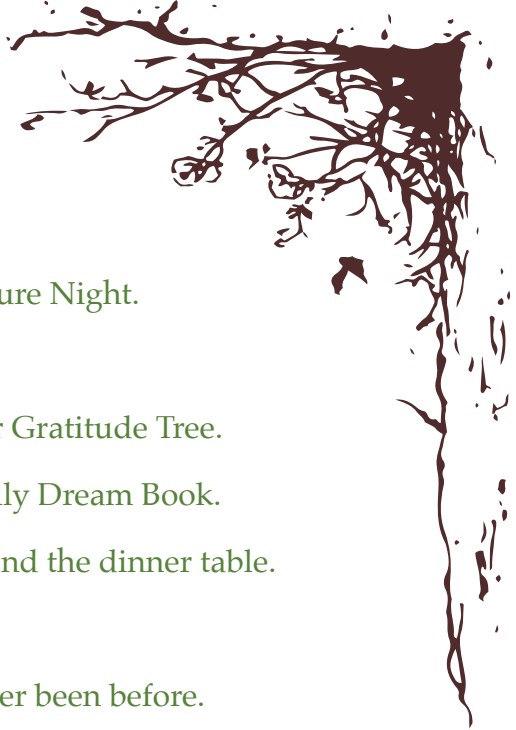
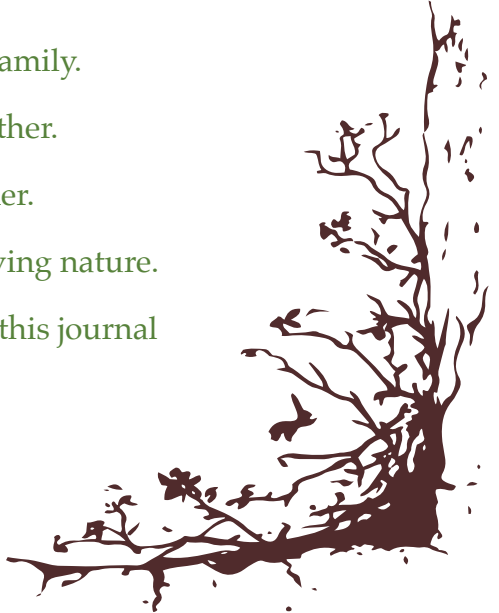
Tell one more story.

Dream one more dream.

**Every one of those moments is another
step up the Faraway Tree.**



KEEP THE ADVENTURE GOING

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- ☐ Read a book aloud together.
 - ☐ Start a monthly Family Adventure Night.
 - ☐ Visit a new park or hiking trail.
 - ☐ Continue adding leaves to your Gratitude Tree.
 - ☐ Add another page to your Family Dream Book.
 - ☐ Tell a favorite family story around the dinner table.
 - ☐ Create a new family tradition.
 - ☐ Explore somewhere you've never been before.
 - ☐ Have a screen-free evening.
 - ☐ Learn something new together.
 - ☐ Perform an act of kindness as a family.
 - ☐ Watch the sunrise or sunset together.
 - ☐ Build or create something together.
 - ☐ Spend an afternoon simply enjoying nature.
 - ☐ Return to your favorite pages in this journal and do them again.
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The Faraway Tree will always be waiting. Not because it's a magical place hidden deep in the woods, but because every time your family chooses curiosity over distraction, conversation over busyness, and togetherness over isolation, you're beginning another wonderful adventure.

May your family continue climbing for many years to come.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE

FAMILY ADVENTURE JOURNAL CERTIFICATE OF ADVENTURE

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

_____ has successfully completed the *14-Day Family Adventure Challenge* by exploring nature, sharing stories, dreaming together, practicing gratitude, creating family traditions, and discovering that the greatest adventures are the ones shared with the people we love.

MAY THIS JOURNEY BE ONLY THE BEGINNING OF MANY MORE FAMILY ADVENTURES.

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