

Grandparenting On Purpose

The Best Adventure of Your Life

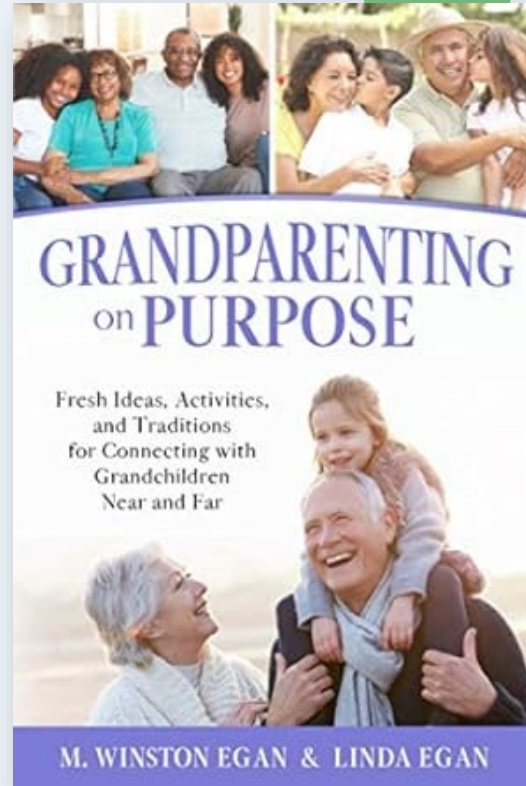


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Grandchildren aged 1 - 11

Grandparenting on Purpose

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What is Grandparenting on Purpose?

- ❖ Making a Difference in their lives
- ❖ Being Engaged in the lives of your grandchildren (and their parents)
- ❖ Forming and Sustaining Relationships

Ideas to get you started



What We'll Cover

1

Difference Makers

How to be a
Difference Maker

2

Identifying Needs

Grandchildren
AND their Parents

3

Maintaining Connection

Building
Relationships



1

Difference Makers

What do Difference Makers do?

Know How to Nurture Relationships





Know How to Provide Valuable Feedback



Know How to Support Talent Development



Maintain Their Interest Over Time



**Are Present at
Times of
Uncertainty and
Pain**





**Are There for
Important Events –
Recitals, Games,
etc.**



Share Stories and Memories





**Every Family is
Unique**



**What are some of
the ways you make
a difference?**





2

What Do They Need?

Grandchildren AND their Parents



For Each Grandchild

What do you know about them?

What do you understand about them?

Are you familiar with their talents, interests, desires, and challenges?

What are some supportive things that you have done or could do to be more responsive to their needs?





**Be Alert and
Observant**



Put Yourself in Position to Make a Difference

Establish and maintain warm and positive relationships

Discover needs

Inform yourself

Choose your actions wisely

Determine who needs you the most



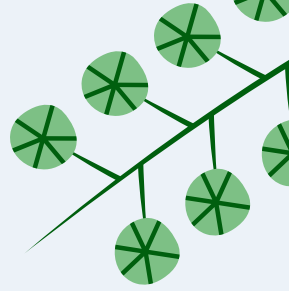
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Maintaining Connection

How do we stay connected?

Check-in Calls or TEXTS to Grandkids





Tangible Ways to Stay in Touch

Special Times

- One-on-One Activities
- Lunches (with one or more)
- Birthday Celebrations
- Family Outdoor Movie Nights
- Grandparent Day Camp



Nana & Pawpaw's Day Camp



**Outdoor
Cooking**




**Setting Up
a Tent**



Goofing Off

Don't Forget the Slime






“It’s fun. There were a bunch of activities for us to do.”

— **Lily, age 10**

“It was so fun! We learned how to build a fire and make sandwiches and S’mores. They were yummy. You should go, you’ll have a blast”

— **Evie, Age 6**



“This camp is really fun and there are lots of activities for you to do.”

— **Christopher, age 8**





**What are some
of your
traditions?**





Thank you for coming to my class!

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