

Magic Moments

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Many years ago, snapshots captured magical moments—something of the past to be remembered in the future. Rituals and traditions keep us connected with people and places, and carry the power of relationships into the future.

For
Adult, Couple

Season

Fall

Needed

Paper, envelopes, postage, willingness to invite people into a deeper relationship

Activity Plan

1. Pray aloud to begin:

Creator God, bind us together in relationships that encourage faith, express love, and exude hope. Amen.

2. Invite several friends and/or family members to start a new ritual—connecting with one another via a circular letter. Explain how this circular letter will work, referring to the rest of this Activity Plan for details. Your letter may be circulated by email or snail mail, but for the most impact, do not use social networking Web sites.
3. Start by making a list of everyone's email or street address, with your own contact information at the end. Print Philippians 1:3 at the top of the list: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you."
4. On a new page, write a couple of paragraphs telling about events in your life from the past few weeks. Strive to describe a "magic moment" that might connect with others on the list in a special way.
5. Send the list of names and addresses and your letter to the first person on the list. That person writes his or her paragraphs about recent events in his or her life on another sheet of paper, places this page at the end of the letter, and sends everything to the next person on the list.
6. Once the circular letter has made the rounds, each person removes the page with his or her earlier contribution to the letter and adds a page with new details.

