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## 5 Creative Ways to Stay Connected

COVID-19 has really put a bee in our bonnets this year. Social distancing is still being implemented, with some states and countries having more restrictions on top of it. Friends and family are missing quality time together, and that just won't do.

Here are five creative ways to stay connected with your friends, family, and others.

### 1. Eat Meals Together

Just because you can't pass the potatoes doesn't mean you can't enjoy a nice meal with loved ones. Schedule a group dinner where everyone meets in front of their mobile devices or computers. Enjoy your meals, but enjoy the quality time together more. You might even see a dish you would like to make in the future!



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### 2. Watch a Movie

Schedule a date and time to watch a movie or show together. Streaming services such as Netflix, Apple TV+, and Kast have made virtual movie nights possible. Choose a flick or show and watch with family and friends. Don't forget to discuss what you watched and share opinions and preferences.



### 3. Go "Bear Hunting"

This is a fun activity to help entertain the young'uns, but it takes communal participation. Use the phone or social media to ask your local community if people will place stuffed bears or other stuffed animals in their street-facing windows. Take the little ones on a drive so they can hunt for stuffed animals. Keep a tally of how many they find or go a little further and turn it into a Bingo-type game.



### 4. Send Letters or Cards

Begin or catch up on your correspondence. Social distancing can get lonely for everyone. Write letters or send cards to friends and family or even people in the hospital or nursing home residents. Send pretty and thoughtful signed but unaddressed cards to the hospital or nursing home for them to pass out to different patients and residents. You don't need to know the person to lift their spirits with a nice card or letter.



### 5. Join a Virtual Christian Community

Join a virtual Christian community to hang out with friends and family and make new friends. You can virtually attend church together or watch live or past services together. Routine is

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important, so stay in the habit of going to church by attending online services at the same days and times you would normally attend church.



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