

# 30 WAYS TO CELEBRATE

## National Adoption Awareness Month

### November 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Ask your library to display adoption books to commemorate National Adoption Awareness Month.	Look for National Adoption Month activities or meet-ups in your areas and attend as a family.
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Invite local adoptive families to your home for hot chocolate and cookies or a multi-cultural buffet. Announce the event in your community newspaper.	Find out where your representative at the state and national level stand on adoption issues. Write to them regarding your concerns.	Tell your children about your own childhood. Talk about traditions and memories from when you were young.	Create a scrapbook with your child. Talk about significant events as you record them together.	Offer to meet with families considering adoption or fostering to discuss the process and share your experience.	Find an adult adoptee who can serve as a mentor for your child. Arrange for them to get together monthly.	Pick a special activity, like going out to dinner, having a picnic or taking a day trip to a favorite spot and make it an annual celebration.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Spend some time celebrating your child's heritage.	Help your place of worship organize a service to give thanks for children.	Start a family blog to spread awareness of adoption or foster care.	Pass along an adoption-related article to another adoptive parent or friend.	Rent a DVD that portrays adoption in a positive light for your family to watch and discuss.	Print examples of accurate adoption language.	<b>Become an adoption advocate or join an adoptive parent support group.</b>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>National Adoption Day</b>	Read or watch the National Adoption Month proclamations as a family, and talk about it together.	Attend or schedule: Talking with Our Children about Adoption.	Develop a family ritual to show thanks for your family and the special way you've found one another.	Write a thank-you letter to the judge, social worker, etc. who made your adoption happen	Let your child contribute a portion of their allowance to a group home or foster family.	Organize a holiday toy drive for children waiting for permanent families. Involve your child's class, team, etc.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Send a thank-you note to your child's teacher for allowing you to share adoption information.	Send a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" letter to a media outlet or company applauding or critiquing the way they address adoption.	Together, light a candle in honor of your child's birthparents. Turn off the lights and hold hands as you watch the flame.	Make holiday crafts that incorporate designs from your child's heritage.	<b>Thanksgiving!</b> Organize a community meet-up or play group for foster or adoptive families.	Make a donation in your child's or birthmother's name to an adoption-related charity or organization.	Start a tradition of taking a family photo each year on the same day, so you can see how everyone's changed.