

THE "SPECIAL HAPPENING" PLATE

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Why Are Traditions Important?

Traditions help anchor a family. Traditions pass values from one generation to another.

What You Can Do:

If you're stuck for ideas, you can explore the web sites that share the traditions that make family celebrations special.

I found a dinner plate at a discount store that's big and bright red and it's our "Special Happening" plate.

At dinner, it's set at the place of the family member who had something special happen to him or her that day. The "Special Happening" plate can be used for any special reason. From an "A" on a test at school to his or her birthday, they get the spotlight for dinner. It's a way to focus on the positive happenings in everyone's lives and share what's good.

It became so popular, that I had to add another special plate for more honors. It really worked well.

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