## Taking a Break



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It's almost the end of the summer and time for our kids to go back to school, and my husband I were discussing the options of what we would do for a "vacation" this year. We had both planned on taking a week off, but really hadn't planned anything except getting some work done around the house and starting to get things buckled-up before winter comes. The fact of the matter is, with the current state of the economy, we really don't have a lot of extra money to take our three kids on an extravagant trip for a week. With gas prices still quite high, and the added expense of heating oil approaching, which is also still quite high, any extra money we have saved had a more practical place to go. We are also in the middle of renovating our home, so we have kitchen cabinets to replace, new flooring to put down, a basement to finish, and the list goes on and on.

However, a last-minute decision came about and we have rented a place for a few days on a lake not too far away. Far enough away to get away from the daily hustle and bustle of our busy lives, but not too far that we couldn't be back in an hour or two if needed. The fact of the matter is, when my kids get older, they aren't going to remember the new flooring we picked out for the living room, or the color we painted the kitchen, but they are going to have the memories of the time we spent together at the lake. And, in the scope of things, that's what really matters.

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