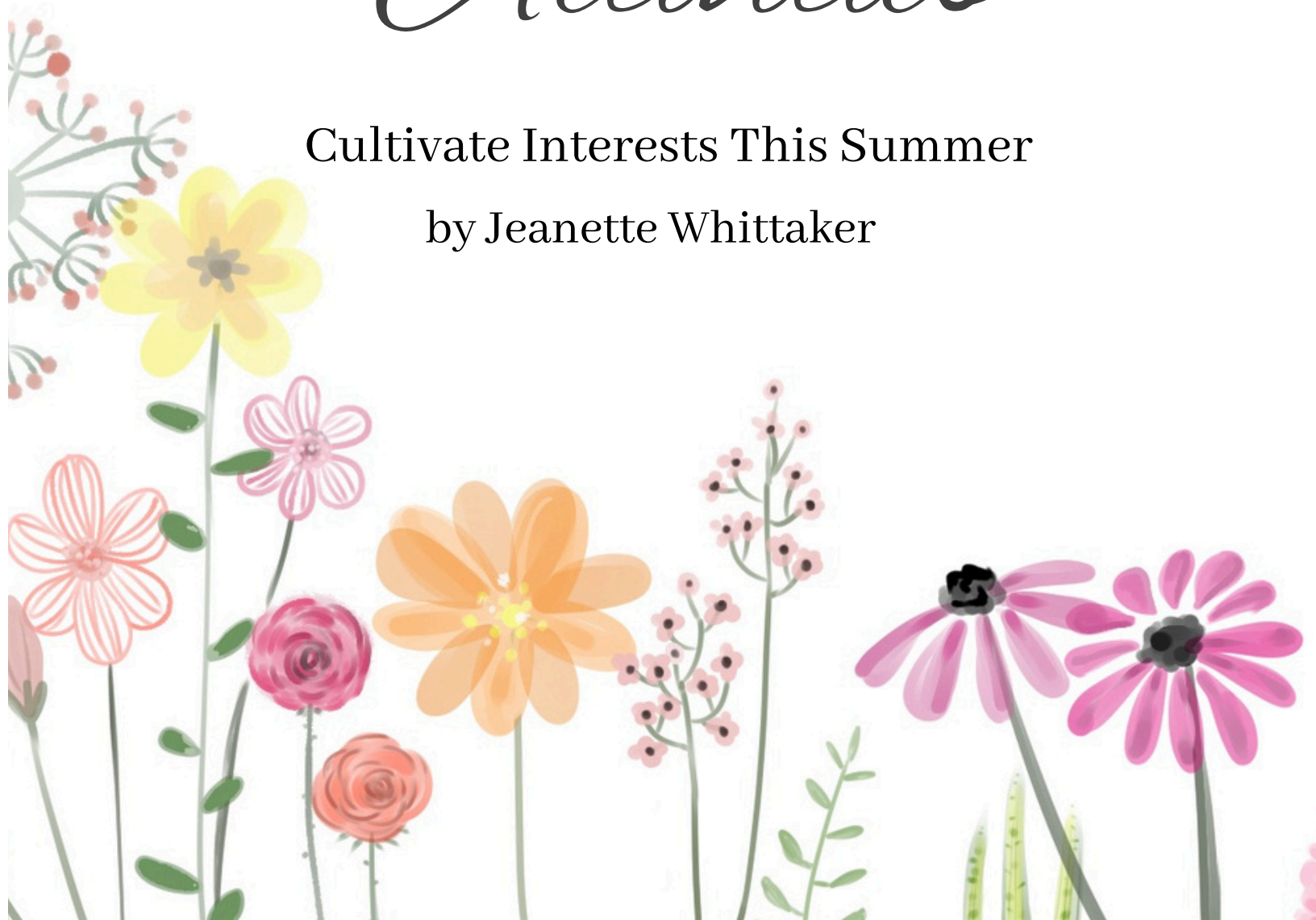




Summer Activities

Cultivate Interests This Summer

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How will your family cultivate personal and family interests during the summer?

You want to maintain the learning you've worked hard to achieve during the school year. You also have an opportunity for more personalized activities to cultivate interests that might not fit in your schedule during the formal academic year.

As you plan for meaningful summer activities, here are a few suggestions to consider.

How can you encourage a love for God & His Word this summer?

Does your family have a routine that includes:

- Personal study
- Family worship
- Scripture memorization

If necessary, refresh the routine to keep everyone engaged and interested.

See BibleBee.org for opportunities to memorize Scripture.

Find more inspiration for you and your family here:

- [The Bible God's Mind Concerning Everything](#)
- [Teaching Bible](#)

Make God, His Word, and His government (internal) the foundation for all of life.



Learn new skills (at home, with friends, in your community, online)

- Swimming
- Gardening
- Lawn Care
- Cooking
- Sports
- Art
- Pet training
- First aid, CPR
- Building
- Robotics
- _____
- _____
- _____

Each one in our family has unique, God-given interests & abilities to cultivate.

Look for a place to explore. For younger children, the back yard may have:

- Bugs
- Animals
- Plants
- _____
- _____

God's creation is amazing!



The neighborhood & nearby:

- Family walks
- Family bike rides
- Nearby parks, splash pads, farmer's markets
- Are there opportunities for individual or family enterprise?
- Lawn Care
- Garden produce stand
- Cleaning services
- Car-washing
- _____
- _____
- Our individual, unique, God-given interests & abilities give opportunities to build family, neighborhood, and community relationships.

Serve Others:

- Offer your time and talent to benefit someone else
 - Do light yard cleanup for someone elderly or needing help
 - Collect items for a local food pantry
- Volunteer to serve in your community through your church or a local organization
- Get acquainted with local firemen, police officers, etc.

Look for the individuality and contributions of others.

Explore individual interests:

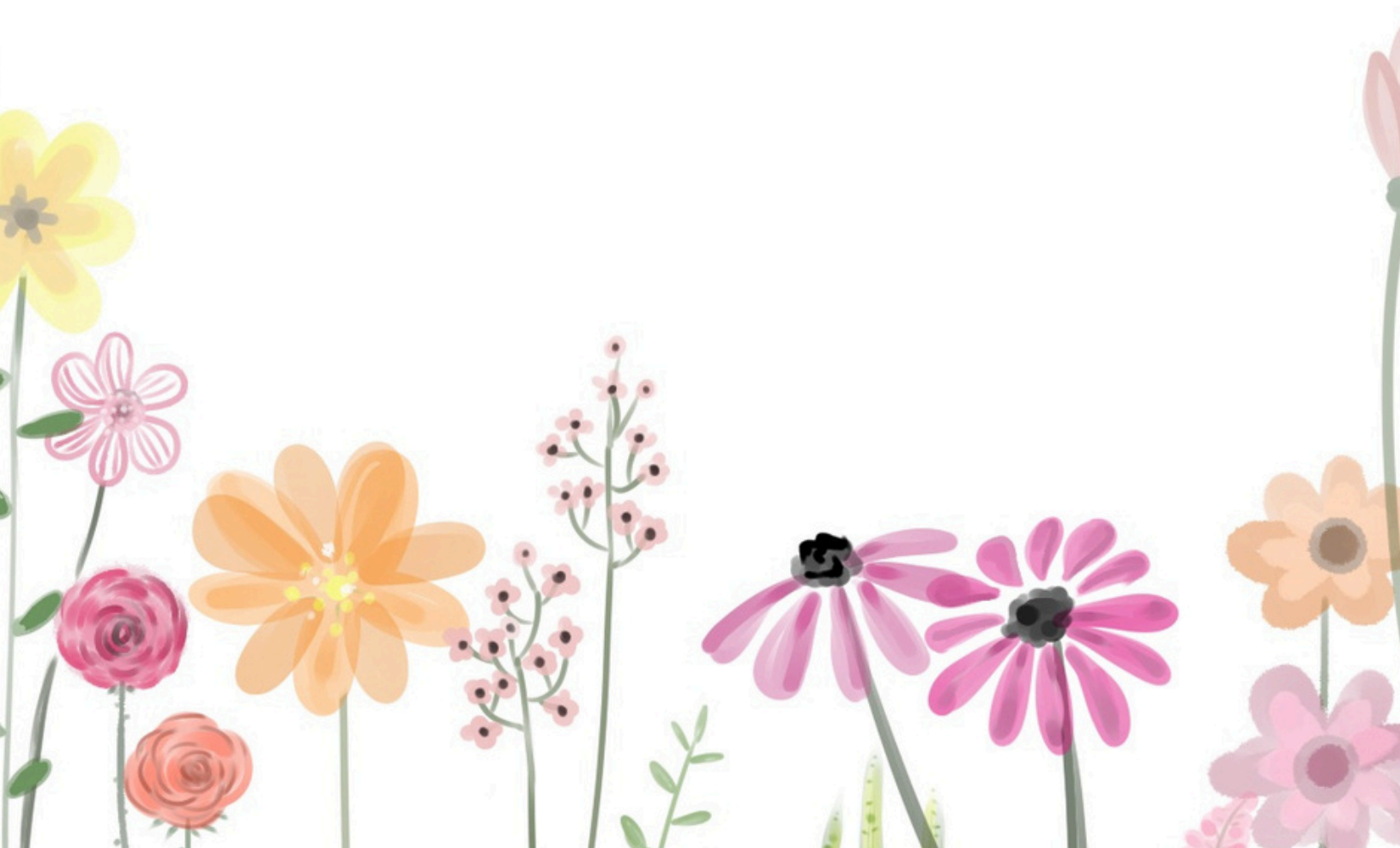
- Look up topics online, at the library, etc.
- Research professions
- Shadow a family member or friend at work

Think about what you are learning!

Learn about your hometown, state, or region

- What industry is present? Agriculture?
- Learn about local geography - its diversity and individuality
- Find out about local and state government
- Who are/were inventors and entrepreneurs?
- History
- Landmarks

Every neighborhood, town/city, state, and region has its own geography, history, government, and economy.



Read! (individually and together)

Keep a log noting:

Meaningful Titles / Authors / Important Ideas or
Information

These suggestions are shared to prompt your thinking regarding how to make this summer meaningful.

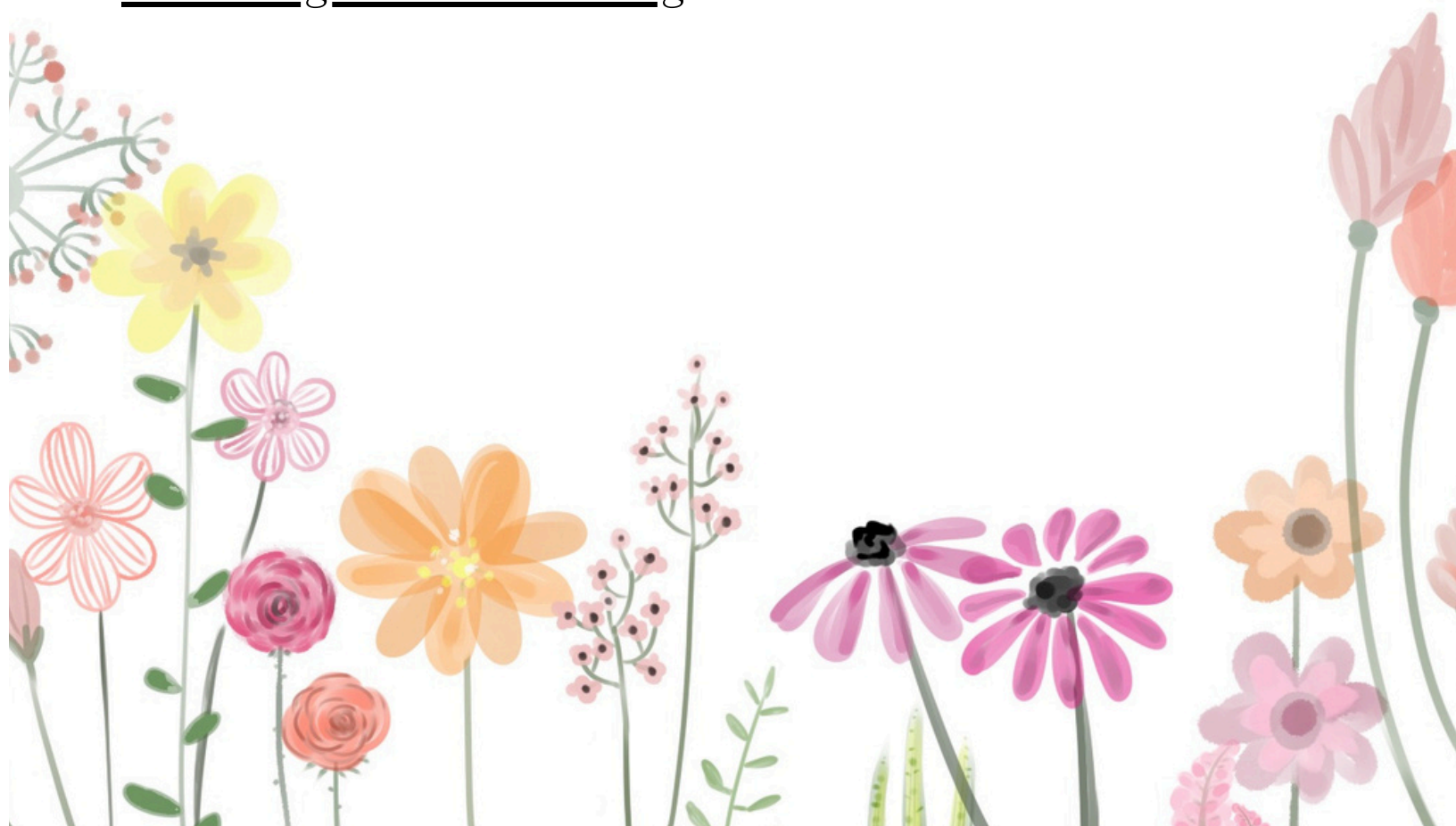
- Give thought to what is best for your family. Consider the individuality and interests of your family members.
- Don't forget to record highlights and reflections along the way. Blank books are available locally and online. Some of my favorites are from Miller Pads and Paper.

- Be observant. Take time along the way to write down your thoughts, observations, and ideas.
- Allow each family member to reflect and record in their own personal style. You may have a budding artist, story-teller, list-maker, scientist, entrepreneur, etc.

By intentionally focusing your time in valuable ways, you can make the most of the summer season.

Our best to you and your family!

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