



Family Activities

Enjoy these fun and easy activities with your family while learning something new.

- ** Find the oldest dates on the gravestones. Write them down. How old were the people when they died?
- ** Write down some of the most unusual names. What is the most common name?
- ** Look for evidence of wars, plagues, epidemics, and catastrophes in the community. What clues did you find? Do you see any years where there are a large number of deaths?
- ** How many wars are represented in the cemetery?
- ** Find three markers that display the different levels of wealth in the community. How do the markers indicate different economic levels?
- ** Look for wildlife in the cemetery. What do you see? Is this cemetery a good or bad place for an animal habitat?
- ** Look for the following geometric shapes: sphere, pyramid, rectangle, cylinder, cone, and cube. Sketch them.
- ** Find markers for two children, two middle aged adults, and two senior citizens. Do the types of markers and symbols differ according to the age of the persons buried?
- ** Find two of the oldest and two of the newest markers. How have the markers changed in style over the years?
- ** Locate at least three interesting epitaphs. What do they tell you about the deceased person? Do the epitaphs give you clues as to the person's occupation and kind of life they lived?
- ** Locate headstones of soldiers.
- ** Can you find any headstones where people in one family died on the same day or very close together?
- ** Who has the tallest grave marker?
- ** Locate grave markers with non-English words written on them. What language is it?
- ** Locate grave markers with angels, hands, trees, or animals on them.
- ** In what direction are most of the grave markers facing? Do you know why?
- ** Find the largest upright stone.
- ** Find the largest horizontal stone.