



# **family core values**

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{What is unchanging and central to our life as a family}

# family vision

{What God wants to accomplish through your family}

As the leader of this family, God has called me to...

Key verses :: God's promises for my family ::

When people think our our family, I want them to think, "they are a family that..."

I want my children to move out knowing these three things...

# child 1: \_\_\_\_\_

{dreams for our child}

Before you were born I believed you would be...

(prophetic words, impressions, and prayers)

Key verses :: God's promises for our child::

Our favorite things about you are...

These are the strengths and gifts we see in you...

# child 2: \_\_\_\_\_

{dreams for our child}

Before you were born we believed you would...

(prophetic words, impressions, and prayers)

Key verses :: God's promises for our child::

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{dreams for our child}

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A family mission is the means by which your family vision is accomplished. The process of creating your family mission is just as important as the outcome. It gives everyone in your family an opportunity to personally invest, contribute, and participate in the call of God for your family. This also gives your children a chance to understand the reasons behind the structure you create. It is not just a list of rules and regulations, but a practical way to honor God with your lives. Though your family vision is not likely to change, the methods by which you accomplish your vision may change. You will want to revisit your mission as you feel led by the Lord and as your family grows and shifts.

Use these questions to guide your mission writing process.

### **Questions to ask a family of 2:**

- *What kind of marriage partners do we want to be?*
- *What is the purpose of our marriage?*
- *How do we want to treat each other?*
- *How do we want to resolve our differences?*
- *How can we both support each other in our respective goals?*
- *How do we want to handle finances?*
- *What kind of parents do we want to be?*
- *What principles do we want to teach our children to help them prepare for adulthood and lead responsible, caring lives?*
- *What roles will each of us have?*
- *How can we best relate to each other's families?*
- *What traditions do we bring with us from the families in which we were raised?*
- *What traditions do we want to keep and create?*
- *How do we want to give back?*
- *Are there things from our respective family histories that we're happy or unhappy with? How can we change them if we're unhappy?*

### **Questions to ask a family of 3 or more:**

- *What is the purpose of our family?*
- *What kind of family do we want to be?*
- *What kinds of things do we want to do?*
- *What kind of feeling do we want to have in our home?*
- *What kind of home would you like to invite your friends to?*
- *What embarrasses you about our family?*
- *What makes you want to come home?*
- *What do we want to be remembered by?*
- *What kind of relationships do we want to have with one another?*
- *How do we want to treat one another and speak to one another?*
- *What things are truly important to us as a family?*
- *What are the unique talents, gifts, and abilities of family members?*
- *What are our responsibilities as family members?*
- *What are the principles and guidelines we want our family to follow?*
- *Who are our heroes? What is it about them that we like and would like to emulate?*
- *What families inspire us and why do we admire them?*
- *How can we contribute to society as a family and become more service-oriented?*



# family mission

{Ways we work together to accomplish our vision}

Relationship Expectations

Home Expectations

Spiritual Expectations

# daily traditions

{Small daily connections that reinforce our family identify and values}

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

# weekly traditions

{Whole family connections that emphasize time spent together}

Meals

Outings

Events

# Yearly traditions

{Annual celebrations that emphasize family life and milestones}

Vacations

Birthdays

Holidays

# Resources

- Intentional Parenting :: Tad Thompson
- Shepherding a Child's Heart :: Tedd Tripp
- Instructing a Child's Heart :: Ted Tripp and Marcy Tripp
- Disciple Like Jesus for Parents :: Alan Melton and Paul Dean
- Connecting Church and Home :: Dr. Tim Kimmel
- Family Driven Faith :: Voddie Baucham Jr,
- Parenting is a Ministry :: Craig Caster
- Loving Our Kids on Purpose :: Danny Silk
- Big Truths for Young Hearts :: Bruce Ware
- Praying Circles around Your Children :: Mark Batterson
- Praying the Scriptures for Your Children :: Jodie Berndt
- The Power of a Praying Parent :: Stormie Omartian
- Spiritual Parenting :: Michelle Anothony
- Becoming a Spiritually Heathy Family :: Michelle Anthony
- The Sticky Faith Guide for your Family :: Kara E. Powell
- 65 Promises from God for Your Child :: Mike Shreve
- The Power of a Parent's Blessing :: Craig Hill
- Intentional Parenting: Autopilot Is for Planes :: Sissy Goff
- Raising Girls :: Sissy Goff and Melissa Trevathan
- Praying The Scriptures For Your Children :: Jodie Berndt
- Teaching the Birds and Bees Without the Butterflies :: Tracie Lester
- The Talk: 7 Lessons to Introduce Your Child to Biblical Sexuality :: Luke Gilkerson
- Wild Things: The Art of Nurturing Boys :: Stephen James and David S. Thomas
- Raising Boys and Girls: The Art of Understanding Their Differences :: Sissy Goff, Melissa Trevathan, and David S. Thomas

- Isaiah 54:13
- Psalm 128: 1-3
- Isaiah 59:21
- Psalms 112:1-2
- Isaiah 61:8-9
- Proverbs 20:7
- Proverbs 14:26
- Deuteronomy 4:40
- Acts 16:31
- Psalms 37:25
- Isaiah 44:3
- Acts 19:20
- Isaiah 45:8
- 2 Peter 3:18
- Ephesians 5:2
- Psalms 25:21
- Psalm 19:10
- Ephesians 2:10
- 2 Peter 3:18

- [www.raisinggodlychildren.org](http://www.raisinggodlychildren.org)
- [www.parentingministry.org/](http://www.parentingministry.org/)
- [www.orangeparents.org](http://www.orangeparents.org)
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- [www.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/](http://www.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/)
- [www.desiringgod.org/all-resources/by-topic/parenting](http://www.desiringgod.org/all-resources/by-topic/parenting)
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