

Mission Statement

This path we are on is not to attain the perfect family or problem free children but rather a connected and faith-filled home marked by purpose. The vision we cast as we create a family culture connects our kids to their spiritual and family identity. They realize they are not alone but apart of a team. So let's start pondering--What do you want your family to be known for?

CONVERSATION #5: CREATE YOUR FAMILY MISSION STATEMENT

Lean: Let's lean into God's word in Deuteronomy 10: 12-13. Moses was asking the Israelites to reflect on something--What does God require of you? This is a great passage to reflect on as we create our Family Mission Statement--How are we to do family life in light of God's truth? List the verbs in this passage. Fear, walk, love, serve and keep. We have His hope in us to live wholeheartedly for Him because we rely on Him and not our own good work.

Learn: Most of us know this verse by heart in Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house they labor in vain. So be sure that the foundation your building is rooted in God's word. Ask the Lord to help you see how He wants you to build your house. Go over the worksheets you've worked on from conversations #1-4 with your spouse and clarify the direction you want to guide your family in.

Make it a family night with popcorn or some other treat. Make sure to tweak this for your child's age.

-Start off by scheduling your first family meeting. Make it fun have some sweet treats or popcorn for everyone to enjoy. Get construction paper, crayons, washi tape (optional) for the brainstorming session. Explain to your kids what you'll be doing--creating a family mission statement to give your family direction and focus.

-Begin with prayer. Ask God for direction and discernment so you don't rely on your own understanding but acknowledge Him for the direction. Then say something kind about the person sitting to the right of you to begin our time letting each person know they are valued.

-Then set some ground rules. Be considerate and don't speak when someone is talking. Everyone's ideas and input matters. What ever else fits well for your children.

-Ask some questions. If your kids are little or like drawing have them draw a medium size circle in the middle of their construction paper and inside it ask them to draw your family. Then on the outside have the draw lines that come out and ask them to write one word on each line that they'd use to describe your family. For the rest of you, do something similar but skip the family drawing and instead write your last name in the circle.

-Share the 10 core values you and your spouse came up with. Ask your kids to help you narrow it down to 5. Discuss why they chose that value. It should represent the family not only individuals.

-Look at some of the questions from your worksheets and see which ones would be good for your family to discuss together.

Once you've focused on your 5 core values. Then add some value statements to each and maybe verses. For example, for "unity"--We stick together as a family and seek unity amongst others even when it's hard to forgive. "Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance." (1 Cor. 13: 7-8)

Draft your mission statement and remember to keep it concise. Ours is connected to the first letter of our last name. See next page for an example of our concise mission statement.

Live: Go and live out your mission statement. Let it guide how you live life, spend your money, schedule your time and the activities you and your children participate in.

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Questions

Your faith is the ground in which your seeds will be planted. It's the foundation of all this intentional work you will be doing to cultivate a family culture and family discipleship that's deeply rooted and grounded in God's love.

Our kids will imitate what we do, not what we say.
So take a moment and really think through these questions.

What are 3 of our favorite verses? Would one of them serve as our families guiding verse?

What spiritual disciplines do we want to instill in our children?

How are we currently modeling these to our children so they can see our faith lived out?

Which one is our strength? Which one is our weakness?

What are 3 practical ways we can do this so our kids can see how Jesus has transformed our life?

What is 1 practical way we will put living out our faith in place?

Are you talking about your faith with your children? (Your personal walk with God not family devotions.)

What do you love about our family?

When are we at our best?

When are we at our worst?

How can we serve in our community together?

What families do we admire and why?

Name 2 of your favorite family memories?

What does your dad spend a lot of time doing? Mom?

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OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD, OTHERS AND
CREATION.

AS WE TRUST IN HIM THROUGH THE POWER OF
HIS HOLY SPIRIT.