



Building a Family Mission Statement

Building a family mission statement is a great family project. Use it as an opportunity to build family time together. Make sure that everyone has the opportunity to offer their opinions and values. This process will take more time but it will create a mission statement that everyone in your family can buy into.

Here are the key components of a family mission statement:

- It should include several goals that will anchor your family. You might want to incorporate a favorite family scripture verse. Make it flexible enough so that it can change over the years as your family's dynamics change, but keep it strong enough so that it does not dilute away. You can look at the example below for some ideas.
- Fold in some goals that address how the family will treat each member. In our family, we have found it very helpful to have a weekly family forum, a venue in which everyone can bring up problems and praises without being ignored.
- Develop a list of annual goals that your family will mutually work on.
- Think about ways your family can "outlet" to your neighborhood. Involving your family in regular community service is a great habit to teach your kids. Be creative and don't necessarily limit this area to "church" work. Most communities have extensive charitable networks.
- Make sure that you review your statement each week. Remind your family the value of shared goals and ideas. They will take this with them to their own families.

Family Mission Statement (Sample)

The mission of our family is to create a nurturing place of godliness, order, truth, love, happiness and relaxation; and to provide opportunities for each person to become responsibly independent and effectively interdependent in order to achieve worthy life purposes.

We will treat each other with respect and honor and; — Love each other no matter what. — Help each other no matter what. — Believe in each other. — Wisely use our time, talents and resources to bless others. — Worship God together.

We will spend one day each month (or parts of one day) working in the Sunrise retirement home, serving the residents; investigate other charitable options in Westminster.

We will pray regularly for our neighbors. We will establish a prayer board where we can post prayer needs.