

# HOW TO HONOR GOD WITH OUR FAMILIES

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Matthew 6:33

## LIFE

Building life giving relationships

**WELCOME:** Spend 20-30 minutes catching up with each member of the group and sharing prayer requests. Make sure to spend a few minutes praying for each other. If possible try to have a quiet time in Matthew 6:33.

**SHARE:** How would you answer this? My family is... what about - My family as a kid was....

## GOD

Growing more like Jesus together

### ENGAGE THE MESSAGE:

1. **Read** Matthew 6:33
2. What does it mean to seek first his kingdom and righteousness?
3. **Read** Luke 9:59-62. How are these 2 people missing the idea of seeking first?
4. How do your family dynamics impact your relationship with Jesus?
5. How can families honor God? What one thing can you and your family (or housemates) do this week?
6. What are some areas of your life where you are not putting God's word into practice?

### Bonus:

7. What do we know about Jesus' family from the Bible? Who are they?
8. What is your family's vision?

## OTHERS

Loving God and loving others

**FAMILY:** How can you and your family serve together?

# Family Resources

Title	Description
Play date with mom or dad	One-on-one quality time with your children demonstrates how much you value them
Encouraging Note or text	Write a family member a short note to let them know how what inspires you about them
Go camping together	tasks like setting up a tent or building a fire are memories they will never forget
Donut day	Not dentist approved, but a fun way to indulge together with a special time. Share a verse and a simple prayer together
Memorize a verse together	Challenge each other to memorize a verse. 1 John 1:9, John 3:16, Deuteronomy 29:29, Colossians 3:23, Psalm 33:4, Matthew 6:33
One Year Bible Reading	Read the bible in a year together as a family
2 Good things, 1 bad thing that happened	Great way to find out what happened during the day. Parents go first. 2 good things that happened, and 1 bad thing
Get Together with Other Families	Community with other families models that the spiritual life isn't a solo project
Family contract	Type out what is important to your family. Ex; dinner together 5 nights, prayer before bed, reading the bible together, going to church, seeking forgiveness, be present at each others big life events
Celebrate "wins"	Celebrate the big and little "wins" with dinner our or pizza night
How can I pray for you?	Ask each other regularly how you can pray. Close each day by praying together
Date Nights	Model that marriage is the top priority by scheduling regular date nights with your spouse

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Care for Sick and Hurting people	Model the compassion of Jesus by writing a note or bringing a meal to someone sick or shut-in
I'm sorry...please forgive me.	Practice saying these together so they become natural responses to inevitable hurts and offenses in the home
Be generous with your money	Support the church, a local organization or global missionary together
Get Involved	It's important for your family to develop roots in your local church. Serve together weekly in a ministry at church. Ex JSeekers, A/V, Greeting, etc
Bedtime Prayers	Praying over your children is the most important thing you can do for their lives. It will shape their destiny and their lives for God's kingdom and His glory.
Themed Dinner Night	Cook dinner and dress to match a theme. Ex: Hawaiian night, monochrome color night, red carpet night
Family hike	Get outside! Pickerel, Cannonsburg Game Area, Merrel, Luton, Townsend park are all great options for a hike
Family History	Retell the story of your family of origin and special people in your own history