

## CREATING A FAMILY MISSION STATEMENT:

Here are some Bible passages that speak to having a Kingdom Mission:

### Psalm 127:1

*Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.*

### Matthew 28:19-20

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

### Colossians 1:28-29

*So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.*

### Luke 19:10

*<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

### Colossians 4:5-6

*<sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

### Matthew 5:14-16

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*



## **QUESTIONS:**

- What does Jesus want our family to look like?
- What does God want our family to do?
- What do you want people who look at our family to see?

## **QUESTIONS FOR MOM & DAD:**

- What do we want to be the foundation of our home?
- What kind of parents do we want to be?
- What principles and character traits do we want to teach our children?
- What sort of people do we want our kids to be when they are adults?

## **QUESTIONS FOR KIDS:**

- What kind of feeling do we want to have in our home?
- What kind of home would you like to invite your friends to?
- How should we treat each other in our family?
- Who are our heroes (not just super heroes)? What it is about them we want to be like?

## **Capture key themes and ideas:**

During the discussion, some common themes and words will start to emerge. Make sure you write them down.

These words and phrases will help you discover your family values, which is what we'll be refining in the next step.

Each family is unique, so it's important to identify things that are truly important to your family. It's fine for values to be big, but if they are too removed from how you actually live your lives, they won't work. So don't choose things that you think 'should' be included, choose the ones that truly resonate and inspire each member of your family.

These are the values that can help guide your family for many years to come.

*"Values are not end goals, they are guidelines for our actions."*

If you are stuck for ideas, here are a few examples of core family values you could draw from:

## Examples of Core Family Values:

- Honesty
- Generosity
- Compassion
- Health
- Humor
- Learning
- Gratitude
- Creativity
- Kind
- Adventure
- Discipline
- Faith
- Friends
- Fun
- Hard work
- Integrity
- Service
- Light
- Helpful
- Encouragement

Still not sure how to get started? Try these openers to give your writing a boost

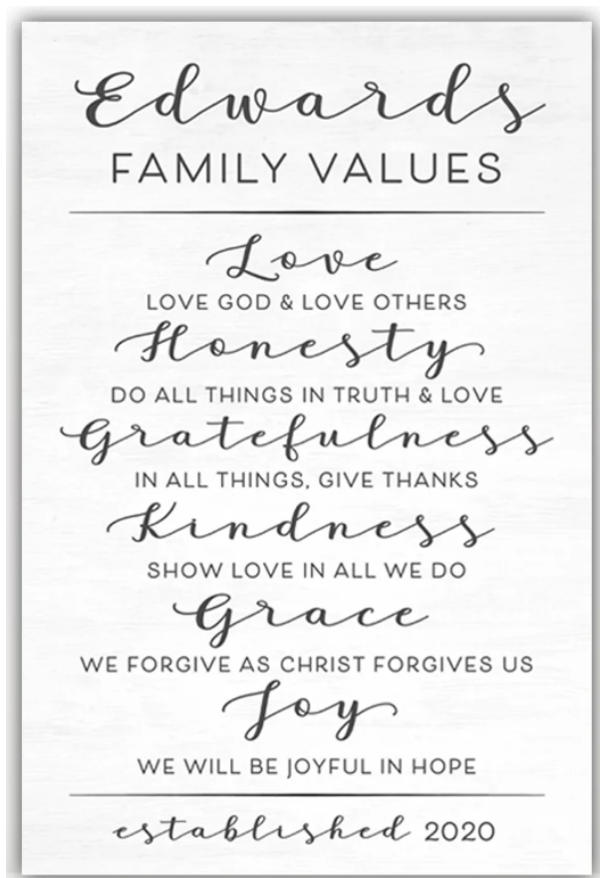
- This family loves...
- In this house we...
- The \_\_\_\_\_ family promises to \_\_\_\_\_



## Examples of Family Mission Statements:

This family loves: the good, the true, and the beautiful; learning for discovery's sake; following Christ and His Church; being present, together, and forgiving.

In this family we: Laugh, Play & Tell the Truth. We have Faith, Work Hard, Treat Others with Respect. We are a Team! We Fall & Get Back Up! Make Mistakes, Say I'm Sorry, We Stick Together, Love, Celebrate, Have Hope. We Learn & Have Adventures! We Pray With & For Each Other, We Serve Together & Serve Each Other, We Do Our Best, We Are Thankful, We Keep Our Promises, We Forgive & Show Grace. Our Home is a Safe Place Where We Will Always Belong!



## The LaMont Family

We follow and lead others to Jesus, Put God's Kingdom First, Use what we are blessed with to bless others, Serve others with love and compassion, Live with a sense of adventure, and Change the world.