

FAMILY
FORWARD



vision and values for your home

FAMILY VALUES CALENDAR

HomePointe™

Building Strong Families

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FAMILY VALUE ACTIVITY:

WHAT DO WE VALUE?

FAMILY MEETING/DATE NIGHT:

Call a family meeting/schedule a date night to have fun together as you discuss your family values. For extra fun, start your time playing the Family Time song found at homepointe.org/familytime

PRAY:

Ask God to help guide your family as you talk through what is most important to your family.

SET THE STAGE:

"If something is of great value, how do we usually treat it?" (protect it, honor it, work for it, put in the bank, in a special protective case, in a frame, etc.)

DISCUSS THE VALUES:

"We are going to look at a list of values that we want to focus on as a family. This list is going to help us declare who we are as a family. We want to have a common language about the things that matter most to us. Values are not simply a challenge to perform a certain way or be perfect. They are an invitation for us to take on and demonstrate God's character and become more like Jesus Christ. Values will help us work together as a team as we strive to honor God with our lives."

LIVE IT OUT:

Use this calendar to focus on a different value each month to help instill these values in your home. Point to the values when making decisions, disciplining, encouraging, and finding those "caught-ya" moments when you see family members living out those values.

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GETTING STARTED:

Display this calendar on your kitchen table or a special place in your home. For each month, you will find a value to focus on, a verse to memorize together, a family activity to help instill the value, a Bible Character that lived out that value, some action plans, a challenge, and more! Use a dry-erase marker to fill in the dates and reuse this calendar each year.

Begin with the family activity on the opposite side "What Do We Value?" to help get started.

For more ideas to help you be intentional in your home, visit the HomePointe Center at your campus or go to homepointe.org

faith



JANUARY FAMILY TIME

Family Activity: **What does faith look like?** Plan a fun family time to talk about faith. Blindfold one member of the family. Have another family member guide them around the room, only giving verbal cues (ex: go straight, wait, stop and go left). Have another family member place a chair quietly in the room without them knowing. Guide them to the chair, but don't tell them it is there. Instruct them to sit down, but encourage them to not feel around for it. They have to completely trust you. After the activity, talk about how they felt about trusting your directions and sitting down when they didn't know if there was a chair there. This is faith: trusting the One even though you cannot see and trusting the One that can!

WHO LIVED THIS OUT?

Noah: Genesis 6:9-22

- How is Noah an example of faith?
- In what ways did he trust God? (built ark, believed it would rain/never rained before)
- As a family, how can we trust God?

Optional: Search for a video to watch together as you share this incredible Bible story, such as God's Story, Saddleback Kids, Bible App for Kids, etc.

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- TELL THE STORY KIT
- NEW YEAR'S ACTIVITY

JANUARY

FAITH

Trust the Lord

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Proverbs 3:5

We are saved by faith in Jesus Christ and can trust that God will do what He says He will do.

LIVE IT OUT:

BECAUSE WE VALUE FAITH, WE...

- wait on God's timing
- trust that God is in control
- choose faith over fear
- share faith in Christ with others

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FROM GOD'S WORD: EPHESIANS 2:8-9, HEBREWS 11:1

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appreciate



FEBRUARY FAMILY TIME

Family Value Activity: **What does appreciation look like?** Plan a fun family time to talk about appreciation. Set a chair in the middle of the room and designate it as the “appreciation chair.” Gather around the chair and have one family member sit in it. Those gathered around can speak praise, gratitude and encouragement to the loved one seated in the appreciation chair (ex: You are great at..., I love the way you..., I see Christ in you when you..., You make me smile when you...). Make sure you take a turn for each family member to be appreciated. After the activity, talk about how it feels to be appreciated. Think of ways you can express appreciation to your family and others more often. Chant together “2,4,6,8...who do we appreciate-God! Yeah, Yeah! God! Yeah, Yeah! 2,4,6,8...who do we appreciate-Each Other! Yeah, Yeah! Each Other! Yeah, Yeah!” Finish by praying and have each family member tell God what they appreciate about Him. For more ideas on appreciation for your home, get the 5 Love Languages kit at the HomePointe Center or go to homepointe.org/lovelanguages

WHO LIVED THIS OUT?

The Healed Leper: Luke 17:11-19

- Why did the one leper turn back to find Jesus?
- Where were the other nine?
- Who showed appreciation for what Jesus did?
- Who do we want to live like—the one or the nine?

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- VALENTINES AT HOME GUIDE
- 5 LOVE LANGUAGES KIT

FEBRUARY

APPRECIATE

Gratitude for Things and People

Lord, I will praise you with all my heart.

Psalm 9:1

We have a grateful heart for all that God has done and all that He has blessed us with.

LIVE IT OUT:

BECAUSE WE APPRECIATE, WE...

- say "I am thankful for you"
- write thank you notes to others
- take care of the things God has blessed us with
- praise and worship God
- are grateful and we say so

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FROM GOD'S WORD: EPHESIANS 4:29, PHILIPPIANS 1:3

milestones & memories



MARCH FAMILY TIME

Family Value Activity: **What do milestones and memories look like?** Plan a fun family time to talk about milestones and memories. As a family we want to have fun! Make it a memorable time with a dance party (check out the Family Time song found at homepointe.org/familytime), read from a favorite joke book, play games, watch a favorite movie, go on a bike ride, make your favorite family treat, or have a laughing contest/party (making each other laugh and everyone joins in). After the activity, talk about other activities that you want to do together as a family to make more memories. Look for ways to celebrate each other, make memories and make family time a priority. For more ideas on milestones and memories for your home, get a Faith Path Overview kit at the HomePointe Center or go to homepointe.org/faithpath

WHO LIVED THIS OUT?

Prodigal Son's Father: Luke 15:11-32

- Why did the father want to have a celebration? (His son came home.)
- Who didn't want to join in the celebration? (Brother)
- How can we make family time a priority and celebrate each other?

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- FAITH PATH FAMILY TIME KIT
- CONNECTED 3D KIT

MARCH

MILESTONES & MEMORIES

Family Time and Celebration Matters

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

We honor significant moments and make family a priority.

LIVE IT OUT:

BECAUSE WE VALUE MILESTONES AND MEMORIES, WE...

- celebrate accomplishments
- say "no" to things that take away from family time
- spend time together
- put technology away and are present in the moment

FROM GOD'S WORD: DEUTERONOMY 11:18-20, JOSHUA 4:1-7

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integrity



APRIL FAMILY TIME

Family Value Activity: **What does integrity look like?**

Plan a fun family time to talk about integrity. Integrity is a big word but it basically means who you are and doing the right thing when no one is watching. It is what you believe; your character. You are honest and do the right thing even when nobody is around. Get a container of chocolate syrup. Have kids hold their hands out with a plate or napkin under them. As you mention words or situations lacking integrity (ex: cheating, lying, stealing, etc.) squirt some of the chocolate syrup into their hands. Let them know that they have to hold onto the syrup and not let it drip out, which of course it will. When we are not doing the right thing, not having integrity, it gets messy, sticky and often out of control! Ask your kids if they would like to go play a game or go play outside. But wait—they have yucky stuff all over their hands. When we lack integrity, it makes it so we can't do the things we like to do. God wants us to be people of high integrity. Did you know that integrity is mentioned twenty-two times in the Bible? God must think it is pretty important. What are ways that you can have more integrity? Close your family time by asking God to help you be a family of integrity.

WHO LIVED THIS OUT?

Zacchaeus: Luke 19:1-10

- At first, Zacchaeus did not have integrity. What changed? (Jesus came into his life.)
- What did Zacchaeus do to show integrity after he met Jesus?
- How can we do the right thing in our family?

Optional: Search for a video to watch together as you share this incredible Bible story, such as God's Story, Saddleback Kids, Bible App for Kids, etc.

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• **EASTER@HOME GUIDE**

APRIL APRIL

INTEGRITY

Do the Right Thing

Do what is right and fair. The Lord accepts that more than sacrifices.

Proverbs 21:3

We do what is right and honest even when no one is watching.

LIVE IT OUT:
BECAUSE WE VALUE INTEGRITY, WE...

- *tell the truth*
- *do what we say we will do*
- *don't take what is not ours*
- *don't cheat or cut corners*
- *own our mistakes and learn from them*

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FROM GOD'S WORD: PHILIPPIANS 4:8, 2 CORINTHIANS 8:21

love & respect



MAY FAMILY TIME

Family Value Activity: **What does love and respect look like?** In your family, you have an incredible opportunity to show love and respect to one another. Love and respect go hand in hand. It is the way we choose to care for and honor each other. Get a jar for each family member. Spend time decorating the jars and putting everyone's name on their jar. Use this entire month to write notes of love and respect to each other. For younger kids, have them draw pictures.

SUGGESTED PROMPTS:

- I love you because...
- I appreciate the way you...
- Thank you for...
- You are valued for...

WHO LIVED THIS OUT?

Ruth: Ruth 1:1-17

- How did Ruth show love and respect to Naomi? (Ruth could have gone home, but she stayed with Naomi to care for and honor her.)
- Why do you think Ruth decided to stay with Naomi? (She loved her, was devoted to her.)

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- MOTHER'S DAY GUIDE
- 5 LOVE LANGUAGES KIT
- BEST SUMMER EVER KIT

yield to God's Word



JUNE FAMILY TIME

Family Value Activity: **What does yielding to God's Word look like?** When we yield to something, we surrender or submit to it. Have a fun family time looking at how to yield to God's Word in your daily lives. Make a simple "yield" sign or use a yellow piece of paper. Create an obstacle course using pillows, chairs, etc. Have the person going through the obstacle go backwards. Along the obstacle course, have them stop as you hold up the yield sign and give new directions. Make sure that the "yield" keeps them from danger—going the wrong way, crashing into something, etc. God has given us instructions for our lives called the Bible. When we yield to the directions in our game, it is much easier and will always be best. In the same way, when we use the Bible and yield to God's instructions, it always turns out better. Read 2 Timothy 3:16 together. Close your time by thanking God for His special instructions and asking Him to help you as you make the Bible a priority in your home. For more ideas on using the Bible in your home, get a Word 511 kit at the HomePointe Center or go to homepointe.org/word511

WHO LIVED THIS OUT?

Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego: Daniel 3

- How did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego follow God's commands instead of man's?
- Look up Exodus 20:1-17. What command were they obeying and living out? (Commandment #1-Thou shall have no other gods before me.)
- Were they committed to yielding to God's Word no matter the outcome?
- How can we yield to God's Word?

Optional: Search for a video to watch together as you share this incredible Bible story, such as God's Story, Saddleback Kids, Bible App for Kids, etc.

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- **FATHER'S DAY GUIDE**
- **FAITH PATH BIBLE KIT**
- **WORD 511 KIT**
- **BEST SUMMER EVER KIT**

JUNE

YIELD TO GOD'S WORD

The Bible is our Guide

For the word of God is alive and active.

Hebrews 4:12

We believe that everything the Bible says is absolutely true and we treasure His Word.

LIVE IT OUT:

**BECAUSE WE YIELD TO
GOD'S WORD, WE...**

- have daily time reading the Bible
- memorize scripture
- use scripture when we are tempted
- trust God's Word for direction to make wise decisions

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FROM GOD'S WORD: 2 TIMOTHY 3:16, PSALM 119:105

value prayer



JULY FAMILY TIME

Family Value Activity: **What does valuing prayer look like?** When we value prayer as a family, we seek God first when we are worried, have a problem, want to thank Him, ask for His help, or just want to praise Him! Use a blank journal as your special family prayer journal. Take time to share prayer requests with each other. Write down prayer requests with dates next to them. Keep this journal out and as you see how God has answered your requests, write the date and include how God has moved. Continue to add new requests and praises. For more ideas on prayer for your home, get a Talk With God kit at the HomePointe Center or go to homepointe.org/talkwithgod

WHO LIVED THIS OUT?

Daniel: Daniel 6

- How many times a day did Daniel pray?
- Did that change when the decree was made?
- What did Daniel pray? (Praised God, gave thanks and asked for help)
- How we can pray like Daniel?

Optional: Search for a video to watch together as you share this incredible Bible story, such as God's Story, Saddleback Kids, Bible App for Kids, etc.

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- **FAITH PATH PRAYER KIT**
- **TALK WITH GOD KIT**
- **4TH OF JULY AT HOME GUIDE**

always joyful



AUGUST FAMILY TIME

Family Value Activity: **What does joy look like?** Have a fun family time as you jump for joy! Play a simple game of jump rope, hopscotch or jump on the trampoline. Every time you jump, shout out something that fills you with joy! It can be anything from a flower, to a favorite food, to God's gifts in your life. Continue jumping for joy by memorizing one of the joy verses listed for this month. Each time you jump, call out the next word to the verse. Finish your time thanking God for His indescribable joy that He gives. Ask Him to help you choose joy even when things don't go the way you want them to.

WHO LIVED THIS OUT?

Paul: Acts 16:22-34

- Why was Paul in prison?
- What were Paul and Silas doing around midnight?
- What happened after they were praying and singing? (prison doors opened, jailer/family were saved)
- How can the way we respond in different circumstances help others see Jesus in our family?

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listen & obey



SEPTEMBER FAMILY TIME

Family Value Activity: **What does listening and obeying look like?** Play a game of Simon Says to help demonstrate this month's value. It is a simple game of listening and obeying. When you listen and obey, you win! Now play it again, but with a twist. Try playing with earphones on so that you can't hear what instructions are being called out. Without listening and obeying, we won't be able to play the game. Just like in the game, we often have things like the earphones that keep us from hearing and doing what we are asked. What are some obstacles that keep us from listening and obeying? How can we listen to and obey God? How can we listen to and obey parents and others in authority?

WHO LIVED THIS OUT?

Abraham: Genesis 22:1-18

- What did God tell Abraham to do?
- Did Abraham obey? How hard do you think that must have been?
- How did God provide?
- How can we listen and obey with a happy heart?

Optional: Search for a video to watch together as you share this incredible Bible story, such as God's Story, Saddleback Kids, Bible App for Kids, etc.

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united



OCTOBER FAMILY TIME

Family Value Activity: **What does being united look like?** Gather bandanas or something to use to have a 3 legged race. You can set up an obstacle to make it even more fun. First, run the race with one person not working together. Talk about why it was difficult and why you didn't accomplish very much when you were not working together toward the same goal. Now run the race again, this time talking about a plan to be united and working together as a team. God has given us our family to be a team, working together to accomplish something greater together!! How can we work better together as a family? Consider finishing your time putting everyone's hands in the middle and coming up with a family team chant using all of your names (ex: We've got Mommy, Daddy, Aspen and Boone-We are Team Randall-woot woot, Team Randal!!).

WHO LIVED THIS OUT?

Moses and Aaron: Exodus 4:10-16, Exodus 17:10-13

- How are Moses and Aaron related?
- How did Aaron support Moses? (held his arms up)
- Could Moses have kept his hands up alone?
- How can our family work together as a team?

Optional: Search for a video to watch together as you share this incredible Bible story, such as God's Story, Saddleback Kids, Bible App for Kids, etc.

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• HALLOWEEN@HOME GUIDE

OCTOBER

UNITED

We are a Team

And over all these virtues put on love,
which binds them all together in
perfect unity.

Colossians 3:14

We work together as a team by
supporting each other, building
each other up and striving toward
the same goal.

LIVE IT OUT:
BECAUSE WE ARE
UNITED, WE...

- work together to accomplish more
- lift each other up
- forgive each other
- cheer each other on
- make church and community
with other believers a priority

FROM GOD'S WORD: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10, ECCLESIASTES 4:9

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excellence



NOVEMBER FAMILY TIME

Family Value Activity: **What does excellence look like?** Plan to do an activity together that your family enjoys (playing a game, coloring a picture, etc.). As you do the activity, have someone (adult/older child) rush through it and do a sloppy job. Next, let the kids come up with ideas to do it right and do their best. Discuss what it means to do things with excellence. Excellence doesn't mean that you try hard to be perfect, and it doesn't mean settling and just getting by. It is doing the best you can and then a little bit more, raising the standards. Read Colossians 3:23-24 together. Whatever we do, we want to remember that we are doing our work for the Lord, not just for men. We want to be a family that encourages one another to do things with excellence because we are representing Jesus Christ. We want to be committed to working with excellence because He is excellent. (Psalm 8:1)

WHO LIVED THIS OUT?

Joshua: Joshua 6:1-21

- What did God tell Joshua and the Israelites to do in order to conquer Jericho? Would that seem strange?
- Did Joshua and the Israelites do their best at what God asked them to do?
- What was the outcome? (The walls of Jericho came down.)
- How can we do our best?

Optional: Search for a video to watch together as you share this incredible Bible story, such as God's Story, Saddleback Kids, Bible App for Kids, etc.

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MOVEMBER

EXCELLENCE

Do your Best

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

Colossians 3:23

We do a good job and work hard without giving in or giving up for the glory of God.

LIVE IT OUT:
BECAUSE WE VALUE
EXCELLENCE, WE...

- finish what we start
- make healthy choices (food, exercise, technology)
- are careful and thorough in what we say and do
- are responsible

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FROM GOD'S WORD: PROVERBS 16:3, 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31, PHILIPPIANS 4:13

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serve & give



DECEMBER FAMILY TIME

Family Value Activity: **What does serving and giving look like?** Read John 13:1-20 together. In Jesus' day everyone wore sandals and had to walk along a dirt road to get anywhere. When you entered someone's home a servant would usually wash your feet. It was probably a pretty yucky (and smelly) job—one that most did not want to do. Jesus did the unimaginable as He served by washing the disciples' feet. Jesus Christ set an example for us to serve others. Take time as a family to wash each other's feet. Talk about ways that you can serve each other and how you can serve others together. Finish your time by being a blessing to a neighbor, friend or family. Now that you have served one another, go serve others together! For more ideas on serving and giving for your home, get a *Serving Together* guide at the HomePointe Center or go to homepointe.org/servingtogether

WHO LIVED THIS OUT?

Jesus: John 13:1-20

- What did Jesus do to serve His disciples?
- How can we serve each other?
- Read John 3:16, what did Jesus give for us? (His life)

Optional: Search for a video to watch together as you share this incredible Bible story, such as *God's Story*, *Saddleback Kids*, *Bible App for Kids*, etc.

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- **CHRISTMAS@HOME GUIDE**
- **ADVENT GUIDE**
- **FAITH PATH GIVING AND SERVING KIT**
- **SERVING TOGETHER GUIDE**

DECEMBER

SERVE & GIVE

Generous with our Time and Resources

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give... for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

We use our gifts and talents to be a blessing to others and to share His Good News.

LIVE IT OUT:
BECAUSE WE SERVE AND GIVE, WE...

- *commit to giving back to God's work*
- *serve as Christ served*
- *serve each other*
- *are involved in family mission projects*

FROM GOD'S WORD: MARK 10:45, JOHN 12:26

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