



# Creating Your Marriage Mission Statement

Congratulations! You're about to craft your marriage and family mission statement. By evaluating what's truly important to each member of your home, you can establish a mission statement that defines and will continue to shape your family into the future.

Print a copy for each spouse and child over 8 years old. Even young minds and hearts can do this exercise.

## **Step 1: Decide who you are**

**Focus 1:** What do we value? (select your top 3-5 each and compare – which values do you and your spouse/family members have in common?)

Faith	Courage	Playing/having fun
Community Service	Responsibility	Money management
Financial giving	Character ( <i>respect, listening, integrity, confidence, etc.</i> )	Communication
Education/learning	Political activism	Relationships
Work ethic	Environmentalism	Health and wellness
Kindness		Other _____

**Focus 2:** What scripture verse(s) do we hold tight?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Focus 3:** How do we want to make an impact and bless the world we live in? (*ex. Sharing our faith, modeling healthy communication, creating an open/safe home for friends and family, contributing to a cause/organization, etc.*)

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**Focus 4:** What do we love most about each other? (*select your top 3-5 and compare*) We are:

Kind	Smart	Good friends to others
Forgiving	Insightful	Loyal
Fun	Honest	Creative
Loving	Faithful	Good at _____
Active	Considerate	
Spontaneous	Hard working	
Structured	Mindful	

**Focus 5:** What makes your family special and different than any other family?

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## **Step 2: Share your answers!**

Do you share some similar answers? You might combine some ideas, or arrive at new ideas together. Everyone's thoughts are right! Make sure each person's ideas are represented in each focus area.

## **Step 3: Create your Marriage and Family Mission Statement!**

We are the \_\_\_\_\_  
*(your family name)*

We value \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(your favorite answers from Focus 1)*

We believe \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(from your Focus 2 scriptures)*

We are making a difference by \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(your blessings from Focus 3)*

We are proud of how we are \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(your Focus 4 qualities)*

Most of all, we \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(your Focus 5 answer)*

**Step 4: Print and display your Marriage and Family Mission Statement!** You can simply copy this page and tape to the fridge or bathroom mirrors. Or, if you're crafty, put it on a poster. Send it online to a photo/document print shop, or have it printed on canvas to hang in your home. Place a copy in your children's school binders or print on an index card to tuck in their wallet or car.

There is power in words. What you speak, you give life to.

Your Marriage and Family Mission Statement will be a source of strength and identity. Claim it, say it out loud, pray over it daily, and incorporate the phrases and ideas into your encouragements and affirmations of one another. *(Susie, I love how you are \_\_\_\_\_. Tommy, thank you for being so \_\_\_\_\_.)*

***Be encouraged!***

See how very much our Father loves us, for He calls us His children, and that is what we are!

- 1 John 3:1