



Helping families become CHRIST-centred and OTHERS-focused

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## Final Family Ministry Project

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We believe that the home and the church must work side by side if we are to effectively disciple children and teenagers. We believe there is a deep calling on both the church and the family to make disciples of the next generation and to help them to live in and live out the gospel story. We believe that families are uniquely positioned to be a transforming influence in their neighbourhood as they live as CHRIST-centred and OTHERS-focused disciples, who have a knowledge, understanding and experience of:

**Canon:** the truth and story of the Word of God as the standard by which we live in and live out Christian faith.

**Holy God:** how the God we worship has revealed himself, how he can be known, and how he is set apart as the One True God.

**Redemption:** the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ - the reality and consequence of sin, and the sufficient of atonement through Jesus, so that whosoever will might be saved.

**Inward Change:** the process and work of salvation in a believer's life.

**Set Apart:** the privilege of living a holy life, made possible through Jesus' work in and through a believer's life by the Holy Spirit.

**Triumph:** a true and confident hope in the ultimate accomplishment of God's redemptive plan in the world through Jesus Christ.

and who live out a faith marked by:

**Outward Focus:** a combination of an effective personal witness, sacrificial compassionate mission, and active engagement in the world.

**Tenacity of Faith:** the active development of both healthy spiritual habits and involvement in healthy spiritual community.

**Holy Living:** A knowledge, understanding and experience of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ and sanctification but the fire of the Holy Spirit.

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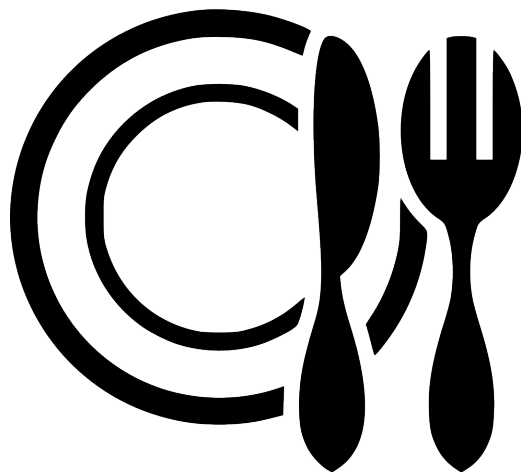
**Engagement in Ministry:** presently being equipped for and entrusted with real means of service and ministry as a vital element of spiritual growth and development at every age of development.

**Responsibility:** a recognition that a disciple is responsible to God for all that God has given, and for who God is making them to be.

**Salvationism:** a belief that God has placed us where we are right now for a unique purpose, and as such we should be actively engaged in the mission of our local church.

The “Setting the Family Table” resource is designed to begin to help families align their homes around this CHRIST-centred, OTHERS focused filter. Using the family table as a basis where families gather and faith conversations happen, this series of 12 family table devotions will help families understand the essentials of living as a CHRIST-centred, OTHERS-focused family. Rooted in scripture, these will serve as a primer for the whole family, helping them understand and experience the 12 components of the resource in an interactive way, and challenging them to take next steps in their family discipleship journey. The tables devotions are designed with children in grades 1-6 in mind, but can be scaled up or down to accommodate the make-up of individual family units.

A “family covenant” concludes the resource, helping families commit to living out their faith according to the CHRIST-centred, OTHERS-focused filter.



## Setting the Family Table: Devotions - Day ONE



**SET:** Brew a pot of coffee to have with dessert - brew it at the table if you can and have the kids help, especially by putting the filter in place.

**SAY:** Why do we need a filter in place to make a good pot of coffee? It keeps out the things we don't want to have in the cup (coffee grounds), and it lets in the things we do want (coffee). Without the filter in place, everything just ends up in the cup - the good stuff and the not-so-good stuff would just be all mixed together and that would make for an awful cup of coffee!

We need good filters in our lives, too, that will help us make sure that only good things that are pleasing to God get into our heads and our hearts, and all the not-so-good stuff stays out!

The Bible is an excellent filter for us as followers of Jesus. We should check everything that comes to us against the truth of God's Word. Just like all the water and coffee grounds have to pass through the filter to get a good cup of coffee, we should pass all of our choices and decisions through the filter of the Bible and make sure we are making choices that are pleasing to God and good for us as his followers.

**READ:** Here are a couple of Bible verses that help us understand how to use God's Word as a filter. Have someone read them out loud:

*Finally, my brothers and sisters, always think about what is true. Think about what is noble, right and pure. Think about what is lovely and worthy of respect. If anything is excellent or worthy of praise, think about those kinds of things.*

*- Philippians 4:8*

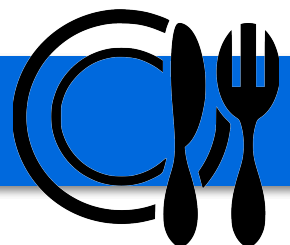
*God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right. By using Scripture, the servant of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing.*

*- 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

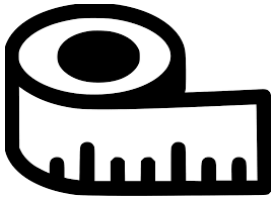
**DISCUSS:** 1. What are some of the things the Bible helps us with, according to these verses?  
2. If we are supposed to be basing our lives on the Bible, it's important that we read it lots, think and talk about what it means, and follow what it says! How can our family do a little better at making this a priority for us?

**PRAY:** Thank God for the Bible and for his good instruction. Ask him to help your family use it as a filter through which you live out your faith together, committing to reading it, thinking and talking about what it means, and putting it into action in your lives at home and in your world.

**We base our lives on the Bible.**



# Setting the Family Table: Devotions - Day TWO



**SET:** Give the kids a ruler or measuring tape and have them measure a few things after dinner Start with small things (placemat, napkin, etc.) and get bigger and bigger (a sibling, the table, the couch, floor to ceiling, etc.) until it becomes largely impossible to measure (whole yard, grass to the sun, etc.).

**SAY:** Some things are tough to measure, aren't they? They're just so big we can't really get a good grip on them! How big do you think God is? Do you think you could measure him? God is huge. He is all-powerful, able to be everywhere at the same time, and knows absolutely everything there is to know about anything!

**READ:** Listen to what the Bible says about how big God is:

*Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.  
Psalm 147:5*

*Lord, you are great. You are really worthy of praise.  
No one can completely understand how great you are.  
Psalm 145:3*

*'Almighty Lord, you made heaven and earth by your great strength and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you.  
Jeremiah 32:17*

**SAY:** But here's the thing. This great big, powerful God, in charge of the whole universe cares about each of us personally and is interested in the tiniest details of our lives. He knows us individually and as a family, and he wants to be our friend. He wants us to really know him, too! Listen:

*In fact, he even counts every hair on your head!  
Luke 12:27*

*Then you will call out to me. You will come and pray to me. And I will listen to you. When you look for me with all your heart, you will find me.  
Jeremiah 29:12-13*

*And what is eternal life? It is knowing you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.  
John 17:3*

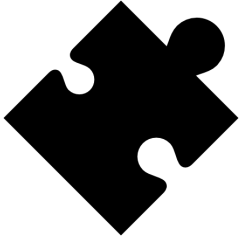
**DISCUSS:** What are some ways our family can get to know God better?

**PRAY:** Ask God to help your family get to know him better by choosing to spend time with him together every day, reading his Word where he shows his character, looking for him at work in your lives, talking to him, listening for his voice, and talking together about how God has shown up in your family in unique ways (your family story). Thank him that he is a huge God that is bigger than anything we face, but personal enough to know us individually and care about the details of our lives and families.

**We can personally know the big God that we serve.**



## Setting the Family Table: Devotions - Day THREE



**SET:** *After dinner, take out a small puzzle, manageable to be completed by your family in one sitting. Dump the pieces on the table, and set the cover of the actual picture where everyone can see it.*

**SAY:** This puzzle is supposed to look like the picture on the front of the box, isn't it? So what's the problem here? The way this puzzle is right now is the complete opposite of how it is meant to look - right now it's broken, separated and incomplete.

This is kind of like what sin does in our lives. Sin is anything we might think, say or do that wouldn't be pleasing to God. When we have sin in our lives, we are separated from God - what was supposed to be whole and complete gets broken and separated, just like this puzzle.

This is not God's design for us! He wants us to be "one" with him - joined together and complete. When Jesus died for us on the cross, he did it so that our sins could be forgiven. When we tell Jesus we are sorry for our sins and ask him to forgive us, he does! Jesus made it possible for us to be 'put back together' with God.

**READ:**

*He gave his life to pay for our sins. But he not only paid for our sins. He also paid for the sins of the whole world. When he served as a sacrifice for our sins, he solved the sin problem for good!*

*1 John 2:1-2*

**SET:** *Work together to assemble the puzzle.*

**SAY:** Putting the pieces back together into the original, complete picture is like what happens for us when we receive Jesus' forgiveness! We are brought back to being right with God.

**DISCUSS:** What are some things in your own life that might be slightly out of place from where God wants them to be? Maybe something that is not-quite-right between you and God?

**PRAY:** Encourage all family members to pray, using the hand guide:

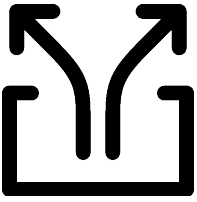
Thumb:	Praise God
Pointer:	Confess Sins
Middle:	Thank God
Ring:	Pray for Others
Pinkie:	Pray for Yourself

**We believe that God's gift of forgiveness is for everyone, and puts us back together with God.**





## Setting the Family Table: Devotions - Day FOUR



**SET:** *Have the kids (and the adults) come to dinner with their clothes on inside-out tonight! Set the cutlery to be used from the inside-out rather than the traditional way of outside-in.*

**SAY:** We probably wouldn't do this every day, but it was kind of fun seeing you come to dinner with your clothes on inside -out! We don't usually see the inside of something showing on the outside, do we? What else would be funny to see turned inside-out?

With God it works a little differently. When we accept Jesus into our lives and choose to follow him, he moves into our lives and starts to work on the inside, making us more and more like him every day. And then the good things he is doing inside our hearts and our minds are SUPPOSED to appear on the outside in our words and our actions for everyone to see. Jesus changes us from the inside-out!

**READ:** Read these verses together:

*God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed.*  
*Philippians 1:6*

*Fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out!*  
*Romans 12:2*

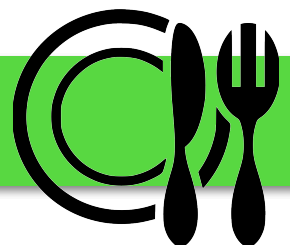
*Above everything else, guard your heart. Everything you do comes from it.*  
*Proverbs 4:23*

**DISCUSS:** Can you think of some areas of your life or in our family where God might be wanting to make some changes on the inside so that we better show him on the outside? For example, do we need to be more compassionate, kind, honest, hospitable, friendly, patient, forgiving, or generous?

**PRAY:** Thank God for giving us the gift of Jesus and for his promise to change us from the inside out when we choose to follow him. Ask him to help us give him the areas of our lives and our family that might need to be changed to be a little more like him so we can better reflect him to the world around us. Ask for his help as you try to stay focused on him and guard your heart for him every day.

**SET:** This is exactly the concept behind popping popcorn! All the good stuff that is contained in the kernel appears on the outside for everyone to see and enjoy. *For extra discussion and reinforcement, plan a family movie night with popcorn as an after dinner activity!*

**We want Jesus to change us from the inside out.**



## Setting the Family Table: Devotions - Day FIVE



**SET:** Play a game of “This or That?” after dinner. Give family members a choice to make between two things - if they choose the first one, they move away from the table, if they choose the second one, they stay at the table. Cookies or cake? Day or night? Summer or winter? A library or a museum? Netflix or YouTube? Facebook or Instagram? Amusement park or beach? X-Box or Playstation? Dogs or cats? for a few examples.

**SAY:** We make lots of choices every day, don't we? Some choices we each make, and some we make together. What are some of the choices we make every single day?

When we say follow Jesus with our lives, it means we have very important choices to make every day. We choose to do the things that please God. We choose to not act in ways that are not like Jesus. We choose to live differently than the world says we should live because we want to become more and more like Jesus.

Let's try another round of “This or That?” Same rules - if we choose the first we move away from the table and if we choose the second we stay at the table. *Kind or mean? Generous or selfish? Patient or impatient? Forgive or hold a grudge? Others first or myself first?*

When we make choices that reflect how Jesus wants us to live, it's like we are being set apart - different from how lots of people around us are choosing to live. We are set apart **from** the things that don't please God, and set apart **for** Jesus! It's not always easy to choose to live for Jesus, but he promises that he will help us!

**READ:** Listen to what the Bible has to say about this!

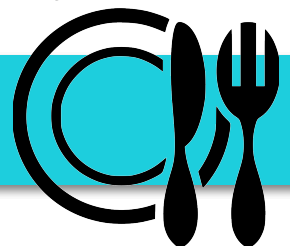
*May your hand be ready to help me,  
because I have chosen to obey your rules.  
Psalm 119:173*

*You can be sure of this:  
The Lord set apart the godly for himself.  
The Lord will answer when I call to him.  
Psalm 4:3*

**DISCUSS:** 1. What is a tough choice one of us/our family is facing right now?  
2. How can we make a godly choice in this area?

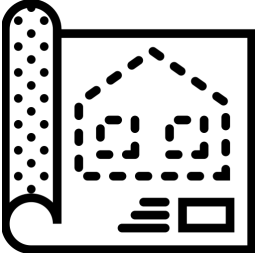
**PRAY:** Ask God to help you live in the way that is most pleasing to him, and for the courage to live a life that is set apart for him.

**We choose to live the way Jesus  
wants us to live.**





## Setting the Family Table: Devotions - Day SIX



**SET:** Take out some 'plans' to show after dinner. Maybe these are the blueprints from the house you live in, a game plan for the team you coach, your family emergency evacuation plan, or your family calendar for the summer. Or make a plan for something together. Be creative!

**SAY :** There are a lot of plans in our lives, aren't there? Plans tell us how something will be accomplished. We can trust the plans because they have been carefully thought out in detail and designed especially for us!

God has a good plan for our lives, and for our world, too. It tells us how God's plan for saving the world will be accomplished. We can trust his plan and put our hope in it for the future. God's plan looks like this:

- He knew that the world needed someone to save them from sin.
- He sent Jesus to the world as a baby to teach how we should live. Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins and give us a clean start.
- He raised Jesus from the dead and we follow a Jesus who is alive and very much at work in the world.
- He gives us the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us follow Jesus and share the Good News with others while we are on the earth.
- Everyone who chooses to believe in Jesus and follow him will be saved.
- He will come back for us someday and take us to Heaven to live with him forever. On that day, everyone will know for sure that Jesus is the Saviour of the world.

**READ:** Pretty good plan, right? Here are some Bible verses that help us understand this plan:

*Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see.*  
Hebrews 11:1

*God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.*  
John 3:16

*"I know the plans I have for you," announces the Lord. "I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come.*  
Jeremiah 29:11

*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*  
Romans 10:13

**DISCUSS & PRAY:** Maybe someone in your family hasn't responded to God's plan for their salvation. Tonight is a great time to invite them to make a choice to follow Jesus. It's as simple as A-B-C: Admit we have sin in our lives and Ask for God's forgiveness. Believe that Jesus died for us. Choose to accept his gift of salvation and to follow him with our lives!

**We trust God's good plans  
for us and our world.**



## Setting the Family Table: Devotions - Day SEVEN



**SET:** Put some baking soda in a cup and set it on the table. Place a tray underneath. Have a cup of vinegar ready nearby. Point out that there's not too much happening in the cup and you wonder what might happen if you added something to it. Add the vinegar to the soda. It should react and bubble over. For a larger effect and a little more mess, but the same point, give some elephant toothpaste a try (<https://www.stevespanglerscience.com/lab/experiments/elephants-toothpaste/>).

**SAY:** Something changed when we added the vinegar, didn't it? That's because the vinegar is an 'active agent' that causes big changes for the baking soda.

God needs us to be active agents in our world too. When we are actively engaged in the world around us - living by Jesus' example, thinking of others before ourselves, acting with compassion and kindness, being peace makers, and sharing God's joy with others, we can literally change the world with God's love. Being actively engaged for Jesus in our world affects how we act at school, work, in the grocery store, on the sports field, in the car, on the playground, at the movies, and anywhere else we might go. As we share God's love with the world, it can change how others respond as well.

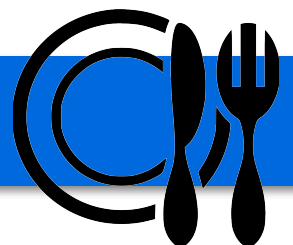
**READ:** Read these verses together. What do they say about the kind of active agents we should be in the world?

*You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient. Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you. And over all these good things put on love. Love holds them all together perfectly as if they were one. Let the peace that Christ gives rule in your hearts. As parts of one body, you were appointed to live in peace. And be thankful.*  
Colossians 3:12-15

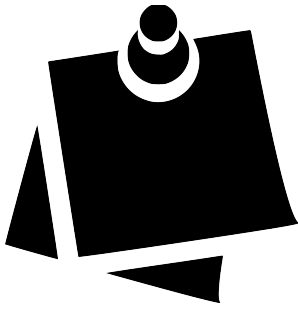
**DISCUSS:** What are some things our family can do this week to actively share God's love in our world?

**PRAY:** Thank God that he chooses us to be a part of his work in the world by being actively engaged in it for him. Ask him to give your family good ideas about how you can share his love with the world and opportunities to change the world for good. Ask him to help you have the courage to carry out the good ideas he gives you.

**We can change the world with God's love.**



## Setting the Family Table: Devotions - Day EIGHT



**SET:** *Play a sticky game after dinner. Divide into two teams and give each team a package of post-it notes. Race to see who can stick the entire pad of post-it notes to one of their team members one sheet at a time. Post-its must be stuck to count! Have an extra pad of post-it notes for a later activity.*

**SAY:** Well, that was sticky! Was it easy or difficult to get all of the post-its to stick to your teammate? Sometimes they start to fall off or have trouble sticking, don't they? Especially if we left them for a long time.

Sometimes we have trouble having our faith stick to us for a long time. We have to be careful that we stay close to Jesus and stay close to our faith community so our faith keeps growing stronger and stronger over time. God didn't intend for us to love out our faith on our own - he promises to stay with us and help us, and gives us each other to help us grow.

**READ:** Here are a couple of Bible verses that help us understand how to use God's Word as a filter. Have someone read them out loud:

*Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.  
James 4:8*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.  
Proverbs 3:5-6*

*Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works. And let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us encourage one another with words of hope.  
Hebrews 10:24-25*

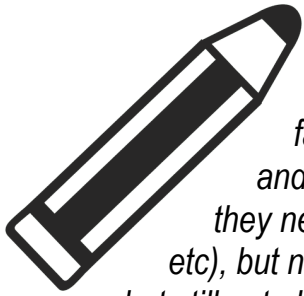
**DISCUSS:** 1. What are some ways that we can stay close to Jesus? Write your ideas on post-it notes and stick them somewhere that they will be a reminder for your family.  
2. What are some ways we can stay close to our faith community (the people that help us grow in our faith)? Write those ideas on post-it notes as well and stick them with the first set.

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you stay close to him and to help your faith grow strong. Thank him that he gives us other people to encourage us and walk beside us on our journey as a Christian family. Name these people out loud and ask God to bless them.

**We stick close to Jesus  
and our faith community.**



## Setting the Family Table: Devotions - Day NINE



**SET:** *Ahead of time, draw a simple picture on a piece of paper - don't show it to any family members. After dinner, give everyone a piece of paper and a pencil, blindfold them, and tell them they are going to try and make a picture that is just like yours. Describe what they need to do (draw a straight line, now to the left of that line there is a circle and three dots, etc), but never say what the picture actually is. Try a second round, this time without the blindfold but still not able to see the paper, and a third round where they can look at the picture and copy it themselves. Compare the likeness of their three pictures to your original.*

**SAY:** That was kind of difficult, wasn't it? To make an exact copy of a picture that you weren't looking at didn't work out too well. It got much better once you were focused on the actual picture you are trying to copy, didn't it? It looked more and more like the original.

As our family follows Jesus, we should be trying to be more and more like him every day. But we can only do this when we keep our eyes and our hearts focused on him, copying his example. Check out what the Bible says about that:

**READ:**

*Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.*  
*Ephesians 5:1-2*

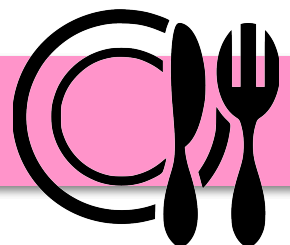
*I have given you an example. You should do as I have done for you.*  
*John 13:15*

*Do not allow this world to mold you in its own image. Instead, be transformed from the inside out by renewing your mind.*  
*Romans 12:2*

**DISCUSS:** 1. What are some ways we can make sure we stay focused on Jesus?  
2. Choose a couple of things you can do this week following the example of Jesus.

**PRAY:** Thank God for the perfect example he gave us in Jesus of how we should live. Ask for his help as you try and follow this example every day. Ask him to show you areas where you are not following Jesus' example very well and to show you ways you can better imitate Jesus.

**We try to be more like Jesus every day.**



## Setting the Family Table: Devotions - Day TEN



**SET:** After dinner, bring out a small, wrapped gift for each family member. This should be something they would want to open and use right away. Maybe a special candy snack, a twirly straw for a special drink, a small LEGO kit, a glow stick, etc.

**SAY:** If I gave you a gift, what would you want to do with it right away? (Open it, play with it, eat it...*use it*.) Of course you would, and so you should! (*Open gifts*). It's the same for the gifts God gives us - and the talents, passions, experiences and unique personalities he gives us - they are all part of the way he has designed us. He wants us to put those things to use right away for him! We don't have to wait until we are adults - God can use them right now to build his kingdom - his church - and share his love with others, introducing them to Jesus!

God has given everyone gifts to use for him. They are given to us for the purpose of bringing glory to God, pointing other people to Jesus, serving each other, and building up the church. If we are good at being kind, we can look for and help people who are lonely. If we are good at helping, maybe we can help the set up trams at church or help clean up after an event. What gifts do you think we have in our family that God has given us? Make a list.

**READ:** Here are a couple of Bible verses that help us understand what God says about using the gifts that we have:

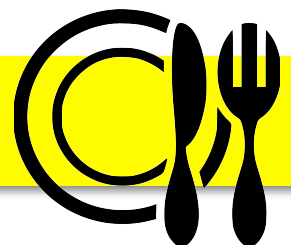
*Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully.  
1 Peter 4:10*

*We all have gifts. They differ according to the grace God has given to each of us. Do you have the gift of prophecy? Then use it according to the faith you have. If your gift is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. Is it encouraging others? Then encourage them. Is it giving to others? Then give freely. Is it being a leader? Then work hard at it. Is it showing mercy? Then do it cheerfully.  
Romans 12:6-8*

**DISCUSS:** From the list of gifts you made earlier, choose a few ways your family can use those gifts to serve others this week. Choose when and how you will do this. Write it on your family calendar so you don't forget.

**PRAY:** Give thanks to God for the unique way he designed each member of your family and the gifts he has given each of you. Ask him to always help you remember to use those gifts to serve others and point them to Jesus. Ask him to continue to give you good ideas and opportunities to be engaged in service and ministry as a family.

**We use our gifts to serve others.**



## Setting the Family Table: Devotions - Day ELEVEN



**SET:** Give kids specific instructions during the meal about which utensils they can use for different things. Make the choices the least useful as possible (knife to eat soup, spoon to cut meat, etc.).

**SAY:** What did you think of the way we used our utensils during dinner tonight? It didn't seem to be the wisest way to use them, did it? Even though we had all the utensils given to us, we didn't choose to use them in the wisest, most responsible way.

God gives us so many things, and he expects us to use them wisely and responsibly. Everything we have actually belongs to God and we are simply managing it.

**READ:** Listen to what the Bible has to say about this:

*The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord.  
Psalm 24:1*

*Every generous act and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.  
James 1:17*

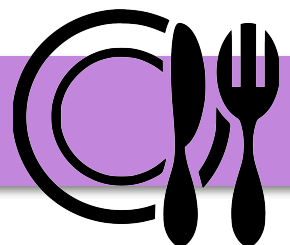
*'Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.  
Matthew 25:21*

**SAY:** We need to use the things God trusts us with responsibly and wisely. This includes our money, our talents, our time, our relationships, our decisions, his creation and so much more! We need to ask for godly wisdom to manage God's belongings properly!

**DISCUSS:** 1. On a scale of 1-10, how responsible would we say our family is?  
2. How could we more wisely use the things God has given to our family? What about our money? Our time? Our talents? Creation? Our friendships?

**PRAY:** Thank God for the world he created for us and for all the things he has given to us as gifts. Ask him to show you areas where your family might not be making the wisest use of the things he has given you. Ask for his wisdom to use the things he trusts you with more wisely and responsibly.

**We will use what God has given us wisely.**





## Setting the Family Table: Devotions - Day TWELVE



**SET:** *Bring out a bowl of M&M's candy after dinner. Have each family member take one of each colour and place them on the table in front of them. Share the rest of the bowl during devotions.*

**SAY:** Let's think of as many words as we can that start with the letter M. What is the longest word we can think of? How about the shortest?

Here's a good word that starts with M - mission! Did you know that in the bible Jesus said he was giving his followers a mission in the world? It's true. You can read about it in John 17.

**READ:**

*In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world...I do not pray only for them. I pray also for everyone who will believe in me because of their message.*

*John 17:18-20*

**SAY:** That's a mission for our family too as we follow Jesus - to share the message of the Good News about Jesus by the way that we live out our faith in front of others. We can do this individually and as a family, but also as a church. Did you know that our church, The Salvation Army, has a mission? Here it is:

*The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.*

Let's read it again. There are 6 important 'M' words hidden inside it. Let's eat an m&m each time we hear an 'M' word! *Read the mission statement again.*

**DISCUSS:** What M words did you hear in The Salvation Army's mission statement?

*Movement:* We are actively engaged in the world!

*Message:* We base our lives on the bible!

*Ministry:* We are using our gifts to serve others!

*Motivated:* God's love is the reason we serve!

*Mission:* We are sharing the Good News about Jesus!

*Meet human need:* We help everyone no matter what!

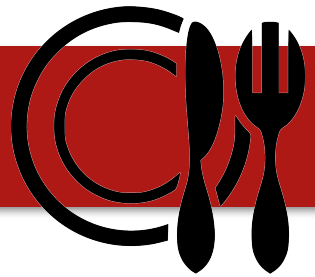
**ASK:** How can our family be more involved in the mission of our church?

**PRAY:** Thank God for your church and the opportunity to be involved in its mission in your community. Pray for your church leaders and the people who make decisions. Ask God to show you ways your family can share his love with others as you live a life of mission for him.

**We will be actively involved in the  
mission of our church.**



# Family Covenant



## **Because we want to be a Christ-centred family:**

We base our lives on the Bible, using it as a filter for everything we do, because we believe it is God's inspired Word for us that shows us how to live.

We serve the one true God, who is big enough to manage the entire universe, yet cares about the details of our family personally.

We believe that God's gift of forgiveness from sin is for everyone, and puts us back together with God.

We invite Jesus to live at the centre of our lives and our family, and change us from the inside out.

We choose to live the way God wants us to live, even when it seems to go against the flow of the world.

We place our hope in Jesus and trust his good plans for us and our world.

## **Because we are committed to being Others-focused:**

We will care for people even when it costs us something, knowing that we can change the world with God's love.

We will stick close to Jesus, and to our faith community, so our faith grows over time.

We will work hard to become more like Jesus every day, living in a way that pleases him.

We will use our gifts to serve others and point them to Jesus, believing that God gave us our gifts for these purposes.

We will choose to be responsible as a family. We will make godly decisions. We will honour and respect authority. We will use what God has given us wisely. And we will listen for God's voice as he directs our family.

We will be actively involved in the mission of our church, believing that God has placed us where we are right now for a purpose.

Together we enter this covenant, promising to do our very best, together, to be a Christ-centred and Others-focused family, as followers of Jesus in our world:

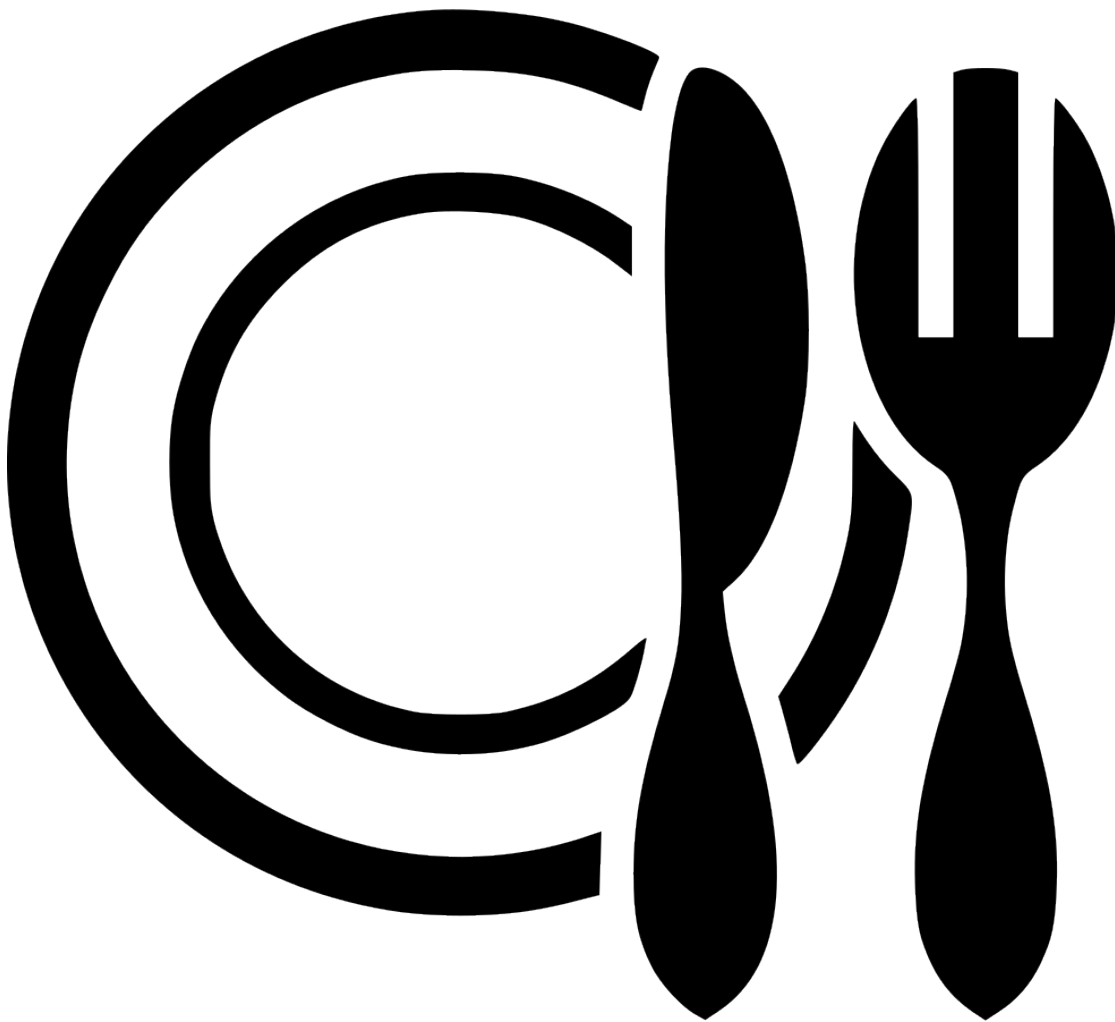
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# Dinner Playlists



1

"The Word" - TransMission  
"Thy Word" - Amy Grant  
"We Believe" - Newsboys  
"The B-I-B-L-E" - Go Fish

2

"Good, Good Father" - Benson Brentwood Kids  
"This is Our God" - Hillsong Live  
"My God" - Go Fish  
"How Great Is Our God" - Phatfish

3

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" - Go Fish  
"Who You Say I Am" - Hillsong Kids  
"Shout Hosanna" - Transmission  
"Happy Day" - Summit Creative Company  
"One Way" - Hillsong Kids

4

"Restart" - Newsboys  
"Overflow" - Newsboys  
"Every Move I Make" - Summit Creative Company  
"I Am Free" - Shout Praises Kids

5

"Live Right" - Transmission  
"Living For You" - Shout Praises Kids  
"Build My Life" - Benson Brentwood Kids  
"Little Life (For You Jesus)" - Hillsong Kids  
"Every Day and Every Night" - Yancy

6

"God's Great Dance Floor" - Chris Tomlin  
"Revelation Song" - Newsboys  
"Love Wins" - Transmission  
"My Last Amen" - Downhere

# Dinner Playlists



7

"Live Out Loud" - Steven Curtis Chapman  
"Let Your Light Shine" - Hillsong Kids  
"Go Go Tell the World" - Audio Worship  
"Tell the World" - Hillsong Kids

8

"Trust in the Lord With All Your Heart" - Brentwood Kids  
"You're Worthy of My Praise" - Shout Praises Kids  
"Draw Me Close To You" - worship [team.tv](http://team.tv)

9

"Mighty to Save" - Shout Praises Kids  
"Just Like Jesus" - Hillsong Kids  
"Wanna Be Like Jesus" - Yancy  
"Love the Lord" - Brad G Kids

10

"That's How You Change The World" - Newsboys  
"Do Something" - Matthew West  
"Shine and Serve" - Yancy  
"My Life For You" - Yancy

11

"Not To Us" - Chris Tomlin  
"Thank You Lord" - Shout Praises Kids  
"I'll Do My Best" - Go Fish  
"Steal My Show" - tobyMac  
"Good Morning - Mandisa"

12

"I'm a Soldier in the Army" - Go Fish  
"I'm In the Lord's Army" - Brentwood Benson Kids  
"Soldier's Hymn" - Transmission  
"Greater Things" - Transmission