

Family Mission Statement

C H E C K L I S T

Step 1: Brainstorm with your spouse first

- What is the purpose of your family? How do you want members of the family to feel? How do you want to deal with conflicts in your family? What do you want to experience as a family before your kids leave the nest? How do you want your family to make a difference in the world? What is your faith as a family and how do you want to live this faith as a family? What are your core values? Adventure, fun, being solution-oriented, generosity, kindness, service, faith, creativity, discipline? How do you want your kids to contribute at home? What are the most important things you could do as a family? What are your most precious family traditions and what do they say about you?
- Now streamline your list to around 10 core ideas.

Step 2: Engage the kids in the brainstorm

- Call a family meeting - 30 minutes max! Review the same questions (see step #1) but this time, help the kids to have a say and express what they think.
- Share your own thought with them too.
- Write down everything.

Step 3: Everyone gets a vote!

- On your own, try to summarize the ideas to facilitate the vote.
- Once that's done, call a new family meeting - 30 minutes max! - and give each family member 5 stars or stickers.
- Everyone gets to give as many stars as they want to each idea on the list. You can put all your stars on one core value, or give one star to 5 different ideas, you get to choose.
- End the family meeting in deciding who will be in charge of the writing.

Step 4: Finalize, decorate and hang your Family Mission Statement

- Decide on a title for your Mission- The Jones' Family Mission
- Explain what you ARE and what you DO: We are a family who....
- State HOW you want to do that: In our family, this is how we....
- Explain your main purpose, your main goal, your big "Why?": We ... in order to....
- Review your final product with the family, then print, decorate and hang it where the family can see it as often as possible .