HOW TO GET THE MOST BENEFIT FROM A FAMILY MISSIONS STATEMENT:

1. **Post it** in a prominent place. — Deuteronomy 6 suggests by the front door of your home.

2. **Examine** yourselves against it in your weekly family meetings. A church planting pastor once said: “You must mention your purpose and vision at least every three weeks.” Many of us can quote Star Trek’s mission statement because it was repeated at the beginning of every episode. Repeat your family mission and examine yourself against it often.

3. **Memorize it.** — Constant repetition will make this easy.

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**Instructions For Creating Your Family Mission Statement**

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During this season of Passover, Christian families need to have a mission statement. Use this time to develop your family mission statement, so you can have a sign over your doorpost. “But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you.... Exodus 12:13 (NLT)

**Writing the Family Mission Statement**

The family mission statement is written in a 3 pronged format:

**To... (Do something)**

**In such a way that..... (How and in which manner)**

**So that.... (We gain these results or benefits)**

The first part of a family mission statement should contain the action. What is your family going to do? What specific steps or actions are you going to make? What are the specific efforts you are going to make as a family? An example might be “to treat each other with respect and love” or “to communicate more effectively” or “to learn new things and new cultures”. Just remember to make it very action oriented – something that requires effort on the part of each and every family member.

**In such a way that**....this is the quality of our action. In what manner are we going to accomplish this: In a way that gets us what we want no matter what? In a way that nurtures our spirit? In a way that gets us the fastest results possible? In a way that is comfortable to all family members? In a way that lets us be creative? In a way that uses our individual skills and abilities? In a way that everyone can participate? Every action we take to “realize our dreams and goals” is going to be done in a way that allows us to learn new things, deepens our faith, make our family life better, and makes us better people. This is where you articulate and express your family values.

The third part, so that, is where you capture the results of your actions. What do you want to come out of all of this: Strong independent children? Successful and happy parents? Caring actively involved children? A better marriage? A closer relationship with your children?

**PROBLEMS THAT OCCUR WITH MISSION STATEMENTS:**

1. They are rushed. – Developing a mission statement is a process, not an event.
2. They are announced. – “This is what our mission will be.”
3. They are forgotten. – If this happens, they lose their power to affect change.

**GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING A FAMILY MISSION STATEMENT:**

1. Mission statements should be timeless.
2. The best mission statements deal with both ends and means.
3. Every member of the family should participate. Even if your children are younger, you can still start using this “family constitution” method. Just keep the mission simple and full of pictures.

You don’t invent your family mission. You detect it. You uncover it. Each family possesses special gifts, unique qualities, and characteristics. These are clues that God gives you to your family mission statement. Ask God to reveal your unique family mission.

**GUIDELINES FOR FORMING A MISSION STATEMENT:**

1. Gather Information — brainstorm, do some green light thinking.
2. Organize — categorize your ideas.
3. Analyze — “How practical is that? Does that fit?”
4. Limit — “Can’t live with that one.” “We don’t have the gifts or resources to do that.”
5. Start — Start using your family mission statement.
A centurion said, “Surely Jesus was the Son of God!”

Find these words: Son of God

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Jesus was arrested. Pilate asked the crowd, “What shall I do with Jesus?” What did the crowd say?

Count the number of people yelling: Crucify Him!

6 7 8 or 9?
The soldiers mocked Jesus.
Then they led Him away to be crucified.

Match the puzzle pieces to the picture.
When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they called out. What did they say?

Write the letter that is missing in each sequence. Then use the code to fill in the blanks.

1. jklmop = ___ 9. mnpqrs = ___
2. cdfghi = ___ 10. ijklnmo = ___
3. rstuvx = ___ 11. suvwxxy = ___
4. yzbcde = ___ 12. defgij = ___
5. nopqst = ___ 13. wxzabc = ___
6. tvwxyz = ___ 14. cdeghi = ___
7. opqrtu = ___ 15. bcdefh = ___
8. klnopq = ___ 16. abcdefg = ___

“________________________!

Jesus was arrested. The governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” What did Jesus say?

Connect the dots and write the letters you pass in order on the lines below.

Jesus said, “_________________________.

________________________.”
What happened next?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Jesus was put on a cross, where He died.
What happened then?

Do the math problems and fit each block into the correct spot.
MAZE

START

FINISH
MAZE ANSWER GUIDE
For by grace you have been saved through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. - Ephesians 2:8
WORD FIND

Find the words in the puzzle.
You will find them going up, down, backwards and forwards.

ANGELS    GOODNEWS
CROSS      JESUS
DEATH      RESURRECTION
ETERNAL LIFE  RISEN
GIFT       SIN
GLORY       TOMB
WORD FIND ANSWER GUIDE
20 KIND ACTS FOR CHILDREN

- Call your grandparents.
- Plan a “bear hunt” in your neighborhood by asking people to put stuffed bears in their windows.
- Add encouraging messages to your sidewalks using chalk.
- Make kindness rocks.
- FaceTime a friend from school that you don’t talk to often to say hello.
- Write a note to a parent to let them know they are doing a good job being your parent.
- Make your parents breakfast, lunch, or dinner.
- Don’t fight with your siblings.
- Color pictures for people you love and then put them in the mail.
- Leave a note and a small gift for delivery drivers.
- Write a letter or make a card for a relative.
- Do your chores without being asked and without complaining.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people, even your grandparents.
- Pick weeds from your flower beds and gardens.
- Tell each of your family members one thing you love about them.
- Lead a prayer before dinner asking for this virus to go away.
- Call your cousins.
- Give a parent a big hug out of the blue.
- Host a virtual game night with friends.
- Place large signs with kind messages in your windows so people can be inspired as they drive or walk by.