

Family Mission Statement

Successful schools and businesses often have mission statements that express the goals and values of the group, define its shared culture, and shape the character of its members. In a similar way, a Family Mission Statement can help identify the values and virtues you want to live by as a family.

A Family Mission Statement addresses the question, **‘What kind of family do we want to be?’** A Mission Statement that includes the Narnian virtues will also help you practice and develop your current target virtue. Below is one family’s Mission Statement (the children were 10, 8, 6, and 5). The father says, “We have it hanging in the kitchen, where we can review it and refer to it whenever we need to.”

THE DAVIDSON WAY

We live with an attitude of gratitude.

We commit to being trustworthy, kind, and fair.

We don’t lie, cheat, steal, or hurt someone on purpose.

When we make a mistake, we admit it, make up for it, and learn from it.

We apologize and forgive each other.

We work to keep our minds and bodies clean, healthy, and strong.

Other Home Activities that go with reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

HOME ACTIVITY	WHAT’S INVOLVED
MY CHARACTER	<i>Student does “My Character” Self-Assessment with their parent(s) to identify their target virtue. Weekly chats assess progress.</i>
GOOD DEEDS	<i>Student does at least one good deed for someone every week.</i>
WHAT IS YOUR “TURKISH DELIGHT”?	<i>Student and family members discuss how they can each gain greater control over their “Turkish Delight.” Progress shared the next week.</i>
WEEKLY FAMILY MEETING	<i>Students and parent(s) have family meetings to hold everyone accountable for putting the Family Mission Statement into practice.</i>
MAKE A BIG DEAL OF THE FAMILY MEAL	<i>Student uses conversation starters to enhance family meals.</i>
GRATITUDE JOURNAL	<i>Student keeps a Gratitude Journal, recording each day at least 3 things they’re thankful for. Other family members are encouraged to do same.</i>