

WHAT PARENTS SAY...

We interviewed a sample of parents (from 5 different schools) whose children took part in the *Narnian Virtues* program. We asked parents questions such as: “What have you found valuable about doing the Home Activities?” “How have they affected your child?” “How have they affected you as a parent?”

This has given my daughter the vocabulary to say things like, “Actually, this situation is about self-control and how I can control my emotions.”

—A MOTHER

Because our son has to work on love toward his brother, he realizes now that when he starts to pick on him, he's not doing his virtues, it's doing a vice.

—A MOTHER

I'm less dictatorial now and more of a listener. Our son has become more confident and seems to have found his voice when he wants to offer an opinion about something in the family.

—A FATHER

It's opened new lines of communication. Our daughter's much more open now about things that are bothering her and things she could do better.

—A MOTHER

Rather than “Mum's going off on one again,” it's, “Let's talk about this—how do you think we're doing with the virtues?” Getting them engaged and talking about it.

—A MOTHER

It's enabled us to talk about some things that weren't going so well in our family, without having to bring it up as an “issue.”

—A MOTHER

Because life's so busy, having these conversations about the virtues has been like pressing the pause button. You get to say, “Let's all have a think about this.”

—A FATHER

The Family Mission Statement helped us ask as a whole family, “Where can we all improve?”

—A FATHER

We're all more aware now of how we're behaving. It's made us closer. It's made us stop and think and evaluate how we tackle problems as a family.

—A MOTHER

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