

Ready to Homeschool — Six Month Countdown

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WEEK 17: YOUR FAMILY’S UNIQUE STRENGTHS

God’s basic building block for society = Family

Each family is unique — just like a fingerprint. Some things may overlap with other families, but there are HUNDREDS and THOUSANDS of unique combinations of interests, dynamics, location, opportunities, extended family, etc.

Examples:

Our Family: Log cabin, rural Iowa, own handyman construction business, lots of books
My sister’s family: Unusual work schedule for her husband, owns many horses, dirt bike racing
Sister-in-law’s family: Plumbing business, crazy about hunting, all the kids play soccer

How your family is UNIQUE in ways that impact your kids:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

God hand-picked your kids to match up with your unique family. There is a bigger picture and a larger mission.

Each family should have some sort of mission statement or set of goals and principles that will help guide their decisions. We wrote goals for our child’s education before our oldest started kindergarten, and it helped SO MUCH in the years that followed. We reviewed them every year, before buying curriculum and making homeschool plans to make sure we were staying true to our original calling. OR to see if anything had changed in our new understandings of following Christ and needed to be updated. We actually still have the same four goals now as we had at the beginning. They haven’t changed.

Create a PURPOSE STATEMENT first, GOALS second, and METHODS third.

“Better to aim for the moon and miss, than aim for a skunk and hit it.” -Jim Gustafson, my dad

- State your goals POSITIVELY!
- Treasure each day’s moments; don’t live for the future just because you prepare for the future

For Week 19, we will be discussing *You CAN Teach Your Child Successfully* by Ruth Beechick. This is a classic homeschooling “how-to” book with several editions available. Use this link to purchase the book, and I will benefit as an Amazon affiliate: <https://amzn.to/3KIO4Am>

Scribble space :-)

Family Values/Purpose

I recommend reading Chapter 3 in *Organized Simplicity* by Tsh Oxenreider, 2010

In our family, we value _____

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Goals

Describe a young adult you admire.

By God's grace, our children will _____

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Methods

What activities and investments increase the chances of meeting those goals and values ?

Our time/money will be spent on _____

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.