

**Growing In Faith**

**1. Communicate Love And Acceptance**

“God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So always do these things: **Show mercy to others, be kind, humble, gentle, and patient.** Get along with each other, and **forgive each other.** If someone does wrong to you, forgive that person because the Lord forgave you. Do all these things; but most important, love each other. **Love is what holds you all together in perfect unity.**” **Colossians 3:12-14 (NCV)**

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**6. Never Abuse, Shame, Or Intimidate One Another**

“With their words, the godless destroy their friends, but knowledge will rescue the righteous.”  
**Proverbs 11:9 (NLT)**

“Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.” **Proverbs 12:18 (NLT)**

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**2. Communicate Truth In Love**

“Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.” **Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)**

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**7. Never Abuse, Shame, Or Intimidate One Another**

“But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. <sup>4</sup> Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.” **Ephesians 5:3-5 (NIV)**

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**3. Communicate Truth In Love**

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for **building** others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” **Ephesians 4:29(NIV)**

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**8. Teach Respect For Everyone**

“Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love.**” **1 John 4:8 (NIV)**

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**4. Celebrate Everyone’s Uniqueness**

“Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it.” **Proverbs 22:6 (AMP)**

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**9. Teach Respect For Everyone**

“If we say we **love** God, but **hate** others, we are liars. For we cannot love God, whom we have not seen, if we do not love others, whom we have seen.” **1 John 4:20 (TEV)**

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**5. Celebrate Everyone’s Uniqueness**

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”  
**Psalms 139:14 (NIV)**

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**10. Communicate The Freedom To Fail**

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.  
<sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” **Luke 22:31-32 (NIV)**

**6. Never Abuse, Shame, Or Intimidate One Another**  
**Proverbs 11:9 & Proverbs 12:18**

Discuss how words can destroy friendships.  
What words hurt you more than others?

Discuss how hurt people often hurt others.

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**1. Communicate Love And Acceptance**  
**Colossians 3:12-14**

Have each family member choose one of these attributes:  
**Kindness, Humility, Gentleness, or Patience**

**Tell each other how you plan to practice this today.**

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**7. Never Abuse, Shame, Or Intimidate One Another**  
**Ephesians 5:3-5**

Have a family discussion on appropriate boundaries for  
speech, touch and locations.

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**2. Communicate Truth In Love**  
**Ephesians 4:15**

Explain why withholding the truth can be harmful.

Explain why our attitude in telling the truth needs to be with  
humility and love.

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**8. Teach Respect For Everyone**  
**1 John 4:8**

Have a family discussion on the preciousness and value of  
others. What are some tangible ways we can show dignity  
to others?

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**3. Communicate Truth In Love**  
**Ephesians 4:29**

Instead of pointing fingers, it is good to tell on yourself.  
[Have each person choose something to share.]

"I have been: [sarcastic, grumpy, or moody...] lately...

Which family member needs encouragement today?

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**9. Teach Respect For Everyone**  
**1 John 4:20**

Discuss how painful the phrase, "I hate you" can be.

Discuss how this not only offends others, but it offends  
God.

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**4. Celebrate Everyone's Uniqueness**  
**Proverbs 22:6**

Have each family member share where they feel their gifts  
and talents may be. Be encouraging and supportive.

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**10. Communicate The Freedom To Fail**  
**Luke 22:31-32**

Although we encourage each other to do the right thing,  
there will always be an opportunity for us to choose  
wrongly.

As a family, discuss the loving attitude of Jesus knowing  
Peter's sin ahead of time.

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**5. Celebrate Everyone's Uniqueness**  
**Psalms 139:14**

Have each family member choose a different person and  
share how you see their uniqueness gifted by God.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11. Communicate The Freedom To Fail</b></p> <p>“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” <b>1 John 1:8-9 (NIV)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>16. Instill A Sense Of Responsibility</b></p> <p>“In response to all he has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good.” <b>Hebrews 10:24 (TLB)</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>12. Share A Common Faith</b></p> <p>“But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? <b>But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.</b>” <b>Joshua 24:15 (NLT)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>17. Enjoy Each Other’s Company</b></p> <p>“Then were our mouths filled with laughter, and our tongues with singing. Then they said among the nations, The Lord has done great things for them. The Lord has done great things for us! We are glad!” <b>Psalms 126:2-3 (AMP)</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>13. Share A Common Faith</b></p> <p>“And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. <sup>6</sup> And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. <sup>7</sup> Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.” <b>Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NLT)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>18. Play Together</b></p> <p>“So I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people in this world than to eat, drink, and enjoy life. That way they will experience some happiness along with all the hard work God gives them under the sun.” <b>Ecclesiastes 8:15 (NLT)</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>14. Instill A Sense Of Responsibility</b></p> <p>“I urge you to live a life <b>worthy</b> of the calling you have received.” <b>Ephesians 4:1 (NIV)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>19. Love Your Spouse</b></p> <p>“So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” <b>Ephesians 5:33 (NLT)</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>15. Instill A Sense Of Responsibility</b></p> <p>“Simply let your <b>'Yes'</b> be 'Yes,' and your <b>'No,'</b> 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.” <b>Matthew 5:37 (NIV)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>20. Love Your Spouse</b></p> <p>“Didn’t the LORD make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. And what does he want? Godly children from your union. So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth.” <b>Malachi 2:15 (NLT)</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16. Instill A Sense Of Responsibility</b> <b>Hebrews 10:24</b></p> <p>What can I do to be extra helpful today to a family member?</p> <p>Who, in our family, has been going above and beyond lately?</p> <p>Cornerstone Church of Poway</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11. Communicate The Freedom To Fail</b> <b>1 John 1:8-9</b></p> <p>Is there anything I need to ask forgiveness from God? From others?</p> <p>Talk about how good and wonderful it is to know that God is faithful and just to forgive.</p> <p>Cornerstone Church of Poway</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>17. Enjoy Each Other's Company</b> <b>Psalm 126:2-3</b></p> <p>What is one of the funniest things that have happened in our family recently?</p> <p>What is our family's all-time favorite funny or embarrassing story?</p> <p>Cornerstone Church of Poway</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12. Share A Common Faith</b> <b>Joshua 24:15</b></p> <p>What are two or three of our doctrinal beliefs as a family?</p> <p>Where can our family serve the Lord this week? This month?</p> <p>Cornerstone Church of Poway</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>18. Play Together</b> <b>Ecclesiastes 8:15</b></p> <p>Choose one: Have each family member share their favorite joke or story.</p> <p>Have a 10-minute family Sumo wrestling tournament.</p> <p>Cornerstone Church of Poway</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13. Share A Common Faith</b> <b>Deuteronomy 6:5-7</b></p> <p>Why does it mention to love God with our heart, soul, strength?</p> <p>Why are we asked to commit to these commands?</p> <p>How does talking about God daily help deepen our faith?</p> <p>Cornerstone Church of Poway</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>19. Love Your Spouse</b></p> <p>Have your kids come up with these answers.</p> <p>How can Dad show love &amp; respect to Mom today?</p> <p>How can Mom show love &amp; respect to Dad today?</p> <p>Schedule your next date night with insight from the kids.</p> <p>Cornerstone Church of Poway</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14. Instill A Sense Of Responsibility</b> <b>Ephesians 4:1</b></p> <p>How does acting responsibly reflect my relationship with God?</p> <p>What is something I need to follow through with this week?</p> <p>Cornerstone Church of Poway</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>20. Love Your Spouse</b> <b>Matthew 5:37</b></p> <p>Share one of your most romantic dates. What made it special?</p> <p>Plan out your next date together.</p> <p>Cornerstone Church of Poway</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15. Instill A Sense Of Responsibility</b> <b>Matthew 5:37</b></p> <p>Where have I over committed myself, lately?</p> <p>What do I need to say "yes" to this week?</p> <p>What do I need to say "no" to this week?</p> <p>Cornerstone Church of Poway</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>21. Choose To Love</b></p> <p>“Let love be your <b>highest goal</b>”  <b>1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>26. Instill A Sense Of Responsibility</b></p> <p>“Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.”  <b>Proverbs 3:27-28 (GN)</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>22. Choose To Love</b></p> <p>“Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for <b>love covers a multitude of sins.</b>”  <b>1 Peter 4:8 (NLT)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>27. Share A Common Faith</b></p> <p>“I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.”  <b>Romans 1:12 (NCV)</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>23. Love Is The Supreme Goal</b></p> <p>“I may have the gift to speak what God has revealed, and I may understand all mysteries and have all knowledge. I may even have enough faith to move mountains. <b>But if I don't have love, I am nothing.</b> If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but <b>if I didn't love others, I would be of no value whatsoever.</b>” <b>1 Corinthians 13:2-3 (NLT)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>28. Guard What We Say</b></p> <p>“So also, the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do. A tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is full of wickedness that can ruin your whole life. It can turn the entire course of your life into a blazing flame of destruction, for it is set on fire by hell itself.” <b>James 3:5-6 (NLT)</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>24. Love Makes Time For Others</b></p> <p>“Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really <b>show it by our actions.</b> It is by our actions that we know we are living in the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before the Lord.”  <b>1 John 3:18-19 (NLT)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>29. Love Your Spouse</b></p> <p>“Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.”  <b>1 Corinthians 7:3 (NKJV)</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>25. Instill A Sense Of Responsibility</b></p> <p>“Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days.” <b>Ephesians 5:16 (NLT)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing In Faith</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>30. Love Your Spouse</b></p> <p>“In the same way you husbands must live with your wives with the proper <b>understanding</b> that they are more delicate than you. Treat them with <b>respect</b>, because they also will receive, together with you, God's gift of life. Do this so that nothing will interfere with your prayers.” <b>1 Peter 3:7 (TEV)</b></p>

**26. Instill A Sense Of Responsibility  
Proverbs 3:27-28**

What good deed have I been putting off that I need to do today?

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**21. Choose To Love  
1 Corinthians 14:1**

Does everyone feel loved by each other in our family? Is there someone withholding love today?

Go around the table and have each person say one thing they admire about each other.

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**27. Share A Common Faith  
Romans 1:12**

Who can we share with today to encourage their faith in God?

Who needs to know that we are praying for them?

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**22. Choose To Love  
1 Peter 4:8**

What sin do we need to forgive and let go?

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**28. Guard What We Say  
James 3:5-6**

Have I hurt someone's feelings recently by what I have said? What do I need to do about it?

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**23. Love Is The Supreme Goal  
1 Corinthians 13:2-3**

If you haven't already, have each family member take the love language test. <http://www.5lovelanguages.com/profile/> Which of the Five Love Languages is your highest:

- Physical Touch       Encouraging Words  
 Gift Giving       Quality Time       Acts of Service

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**29. Love Your Spouse  
1 Corinthians 7:3**

Ask our children if it is obvious that Dad and Mom love each other?

Are we keeping a consistent date night?  
Plan our next date night.

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**24. Love Makes Time For Others  
1 John 3:18-19**

What can each family member do today to demonstrate love to our family?

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**30. Love Your Spouse  
1 Peter 3:7**

How can we show respect and honor to each other? Husbands and wives? As a family?  
Dads share what you respect about your wife.  
Moms share what you respect about your husband.  
About your kids?

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**25. Instill A Sense Of Responsibility  
Ephesians 5:16**

Are we busy doing good things or are we just busy?

What is something good that we should make the time for?

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