

THRIVE AT HOME – FAMILY ROOM – week 1

Be encouraged to put your “This is a House of _____” Prayer Card somewhere you can see and pray daily
See you NEXT Sunday for Copy & Paste: Building Habits and Legacy!

Monday - A Common Treasure at the Heart of Home - Psalms 128:1

Every home has a “treasure” at its center—something everything else orbits around. Sometimes it’s obvious: sports memorabilia everywhere, kids’ artwork on every wall, or the newest tech in every room. Other times it’s unspoken: career success, comfort, image, or “good behavior.” The psalmist says the flourishing home starts somewhere else: with “the fear of the Lord.” That doesn’t mean being scared of God. It means living with deep awe, reverence, and joyful surrender to Him. It means recognizing that God—not work, kids, comfort, morality, or self-actualization—is the One solid enough to carry the full weight of our trust and worship. When work or wealth sit at the center, we often trade presence for provision. When kids and comfort are the ultimate treasure, we wrap our children in bubble wrap and unintentionally make them fragile. When “figure out your own identity” is the main value, we place a crushing burden on young shoulders. When “be a good person” is the greatest goal, everyone quietly knows they’re not measuring up. But when Jesus is our treasure, something different happens. Our work, kids, values, and rhythms can all flourish in their proper place. We don’t have to be perfect parents, roommates, spouses, or children—we can be repentant ones, returning again and again to the One who never crumbles under the weight of our worship.

Reflection Questions:

1. If someone walked through your home, what might they conclude is most important to you?
2. Which “treasure” (work, kids, comfort, image, morality, etc.) most competes with Jesus in your life?
3. What is one practical change you could make this week to re-center your home on Christ?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, show me what truly sits at the center of my life and home. Expose the lesser treasures I’ve chased and trusted. I confess where I’ve put work, kids, comfort, or image above You. Be my greatest treasure. Teach me to fear You with awe and joy, and let everything in my home orbit around Your goodness and glory. Amen.

Tuesday - From Consumption to Creation - Psalms 127:3-4

Many of us have heard some version of, “Enjoy your life now—once you have kids, it’s over.” Behind that statement is a cultural belief: the good life is one with minimal responsibility and maximum freedom to consume—travel, entertainment, pleasure, and self-focus. Scripture tells a different story. Children are not a hindrance to flourishing; they are a gift, a “heritage” and “reward” from God. They are not accessories to our dream life, but arrows entrusted to us—a sign that our homes are meant to be places of purpose and creation, not just consumption. Historically, the home was a center of productivity and mission. Families created together: meals, crafts, businesses, gardens, hospitality, and a shared life with God and neighbor. Today, the home easily becomes a place where we simply eat, scroll, watch, and sleep. Our kids may be more entertained than ever, but also more anxious than ever. What if God is inviting you to reimagine your home’s purpose? Whether you’re single, married, with kids, without kids, or in a blended or broken situation, your home can still be a place where something beautiful is being created together in love and for God’s glory. Your “arrows” might be your children, your roommates, your neighbors coming to dinner, or young believers you’re discipling. The question isn’t, “Do we have kids?” but rather, “Are we living on mission together, or merely consuming side-by-side?”

Reflection Questions:

1. In what ways has your home become more of a consumption center than a place of creation and mission?
2. Who are the “arrows” God has placed in your life right now (kids, younger believers, neighbors, etc.)?
3. What is one creative, purposeful project you could start with those you live with or do life with?

Prayer: Father, thank You that children and relationships are a heritage and reward from You. Forgive me for letting my home become a place of passive consumption instead of active creation. Show me how to see my household—whatever it looks like—as a team on mission. Give us shared purpose, creativity, and courage to aim our “arrows” toward Your kingdom. Amen.

Wednesday – A Shared Mission and Life-Giving Rhythms - Psalms 128:2-3

The psalm paints a rich picture: a fruitful spouse, strong children like “olive shoots,” and a table filled with peace and joy. This isn’t just about “feeling close” as a family—it’s a vision of a shared mission, grounded in everyday rhythms that slowly shape hearts over time. Many homes drift because they’ve never named what they’re about. Without a shared mission, each person pulls in a different direction: one toward career, another toward comfort, another toward image, another toward independence. The result is often chaos and quiet resentment. A simple family or household mission statement can bring

clarity: “We exist to love and enjoy God, love and serve each other, and love others through sharing the gospel and making disciples,” or whatever God uniquely leads you to. From there, rhythms give that mission a concrete shape: regular meals together, honest check-ins, prayer, Scripture, hospitality, and meaningful one-on-one time. These practices don’t need to be elaborate. Ten minutes at the table without phones; a nightly prayer with kids; a monthly coffee date with your spouse or child; a weekly game night with roommates. Over years, such “small” habits compound, creating a culture of safety, joy, and spiritual growth. Don’t be discouraged by what you’ve never seen modeled. You don’t need a perfect past to pursue a different future. You need a clear mission centered on Christ, and a few simple, repeatable rhythms that help you live it out.

Reflection Questions:

1. If you had to write a one-sentence mission statement for your home today, what would it be?
2. What is one daily or weekly rhythm you can start (or restart) that would move your home toward that mission?
3. Where do you need courage to lead change—especially if your upbringing was different from the home you hope to build?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the picture of a flourishing table, fruitful spouse, and strong “olive shoot” children. I long for my home to reflect Your peace and purpose. Help me discern a clear, Christ-centered mission for my household. Show me which simple rhythms to begin, and give me perseverance to keep them when life gets busy or messy. Shape our culture over time by Your Spirit. Amen.

Thursday - Homesick for a Better Home - Psalms 65:11

Even on our best days, our homes never fully match the picture we long for. There are still arguments at the table, bills on the counter, grief in the background, and sin in every heart. Some of us carry deep wounds from how we were raised. Others grieve infertility, singleness, divorce, or estranged relationships. Talking about “flourishing homes” surfaces both longing and pain. That ache is deeply human—and deeply spiritual. C.S. Lewis wrote that if we find in ourselves a desire nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world. Our homesickness points beyond this life to our true home with God. The gospel speaks tenderly into both our failures and our longings. We all, in different ways, have said to God, “I want Your stuff, not You.” Yet He did not stay distant. In Jesus, He stepped into our broken families, our imperfect homes, and our fractured hearts. Christ was rejected, homeless, and crucified so that we could be welcomed into God’s family. He rose again and will one day return to make all things new—every wound healed, every tear wiped away, every home fully whole. Until then, every taste of flourishing is partial and temporary—but real. Every honest apology, every meal shared, every bedtime prayer, every act of hospitality is a small signpost pointing to the great feast to come. If you feel homesick, don’t silence it. Let it lead you to Jesus, the One who is both your Savior and your true Home.

Reflection Questions:

1. Where do you feel most homesick right now—family wounds, unfulfilled desires, or present struggles?
2. How does the gospel (Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and promised return) speak into that specific ache?
3. What is one step of response you can take today—seeking prayer, extending forgiveness, asking forgiveness, or surrendering a dream to God?

Prayer: Father, I confess that my home, my family, and my own heart are not what I wish they were. I feel homesick for something more whole, more peaceful, more loving. Thank You for sending Jesus into our brokenness to bring me into Your family. I place my pain, failures, and longings before You. Heal what is broken, redeem what seems lost, and fix my hope on the day You make all things new. Be my true Home, now and forever. Amen.

HEY PARENTS

Help your kids thrive at home during the week!

THIS WEEK

This week, kids heard how **God saved Lot’s family**

- **BIG IDEA:** We can pray for our families.
- **BIBLE:** Genesis 18:20–33, 19:15–29

ASK THIS

Because sometimes you and your kid need a conversation-starter that isn’t, “So . . . how was church?”

- **Who can you pray for in your family?**
- **Roll your prayer dice and pray together**

REMEMBER THIS

This month, your kids are memorizing the Bible verse **Ephesians 5:1–2a**, in case you want to work on them together.

NEXT WEEK

You’re invited to The Incredibles Party with games, crafts, sensory fun and more! **Every child will get a gift for their backpack to encourage them in their faith for the new school year!**