

## Session 2: Creating a Life They Want

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If you don't create a life they want,  
they will create a life for themselves.

### Create an atmosphere of awesomeness.

#### Be a great example.

1 Timothy 4:11-12 Command and teach these things. <sup>12</sup>Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. NIV

2 Peter 1:5-8 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup>and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. <sup>8</sup>For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. NIV

#### Cultivate peace for a pleasant home life.

Hebrews 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. NIV

Distraction does not cultivate peace.

It postpones the mayhem.

Order brings peace.

Boundaries bring peace.

Discipline brings peace.

**Foster relationships with your kids.**

Colossians 3:12-14 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. NIV

**Make sibling relationships a top priority.**

Mark 12:31 “The second [most important commandment] is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

**Push back the influence of the world.**

Smart phones

Media (TV, movies, music, video games, social media)

Porn

Friends

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” NIV

Anger

Swearing

Euphemisms

## **Equip them to be released.**

### **Impress scriptures on their hearts.**

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. NIV

### **Have family devotional times.**

### **Systematically memorize scripture.**

Psalms 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

**Use Scripture in your family language.**

4:29 Speech

Ephesians 4:29 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. NIV

“I forgive you as the Lord forgave me.”

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Do to others song

Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. NIV

1 Thessalonians 4 – Make it your ambition...

1 Thessalonians 4:11 Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, NIV

Rule sheet on fridge

*See House Rules on page 15.*

“I’m frustrated with you for a moment...”

Psalms 30:5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; NIV

**Develop character through challenge.**

Romans 5:3-4 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Create a strategically rigorous and challenging schedule.

**Equip them with useful skills.**

Ephesians 6:7-8 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, <sup>8</sup>because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. NIV

Proverbs 22:29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men. NIV