

Your Possible Home

Building Meaningful, Enduring Family Bonds in the Age of AI


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Family Code of Conduct

How We Treat Each Other in This Home

(Post where decisions are made: kitchen, hallway, family room)

In this family, being together is a privilege, and we protect that privilege by choosing behavior that builds trust, safety, and respect. The commitments below describe how we want to live with each other on ordinary days, hard days, and the days when one of us is at our worst and still belongs here.

1. How we speak

We use soft words even when we are upset, and we don't raise our voices to yell at each other. We don't speak about people in our family with contempt or mockery, and we look for ways to give a good report of one another whenever we can. Correction happens privately. Respect is what we offer in public.

2. How we act

We show kind actions even when we feel mistreated, and we handle our bodies with care. We don't hit, kick, throw objects, or use physical force to make a point. We use one activity or toy at a time, and we take responsibility for our own area and our own belongings.

3. How we handle conflict

We pause before we react, and when we've caused harm, we repair it. We don't let the sun go down on unresolved anger, and we try to understand what actually happened before we decide who was wrong. Mistakes are human. Repair is required.

4. How we treat ourselves

We work to keep our thoughts clean and honest, and we act from sincere motives rather than self-gain. We choose joyful effort even when no one is watching, because the way we treat ourselves shapes the way we treat everyone else.

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5. Agency and responsibility

Everyone in this family is accountable for what falls inside their jurisdiction, which means we each get to choose the easy way or the hard way. The easy way is taking responsibility and making repair. The hard way is letting the natural consequences do the teaching for us.

6. Our family priority order — J.O.Y.

We try to live in this order, especially when we feel pulled in different directions.

J is for Jesus, representing our values and our faith, which come first.

O is for others, who come second.

Y is for yourself, which comes last. Putting yourself last doesn't mean neglecting yourself. It means choosing love over ego when the two are competing for the same moment.

When the code is broken

When something goes wrong, we slow down before we react. We name what happened, we repair what we can, and we move forward together. There is no shaming in this house, no fear used as a tool, no humiliation passed off as discipline.

This code applies to

- Parents
- Children
- Guests
- Exchange students
- Extended family

Respect in this home is mutual. Every person who walks through the door is accountable to the same standard, and every person can expect that same standard to be offered back to them.

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