

Family Time

The value of a good home life can not be overrated. A happy home is an easier home in which to dwell -- to foster a good family, enjoy your home, plan fun things, spend money on the children and your spouse.

*Christmas time
was somehow
touched by the
question of how
many people,
could jump rope at
the same time.
Three was our
limit.*



A happy home is the best tract you will ever show the world. Laughter is a better draw for young people than any amusement park. Most young people know how rare a happy home is. Be sure you have one. Invite others into it; show it off a little so people understand having a happy home is possible and real. Let them know that what they see is not a fluke moment when your home is briefly smiling; it is a way of life.

We use newsletters, Facebook, and all kinds of social events to share the joys of home life with other families. Many of our church families have been with us on out-of-town trips for a two to three day "family fun" event. Of course, I guarded the schedule and activities. Although I had specifically invited these people to be with us, I kept an eye on the young people and brought along only people who were looking for direction concerning the home. We shared the cost, played, visited, talked, and kept the standard of music, dress, and appropriateness our church teaches. Having fun in this manner helped people

see that observing standards and having fun at the same time is possible. Teachable people are the best friends and disciples.

Bike rides and stops for ice cream were regular things as our children grew up. Weekly dates with kids and other dates with mom, as well as visits to grandma's were consistent without question. We may die penniless, but our kids will have grown up in a happy home.

Vacationing in the middle of Lake Shasta, appropriately dressed and smiling.



Remember, we are to teach our people about building a life, not just soul winning. A happy home will produce souls saved for decades, whereas a sorry father, though he be a great soul winner, will produce an unhappy home resulting in a dead end street.

Make home happy -- with a passion and a plan.

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