

# Aha! Moments

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# Table Questions for Session 3

## Opening Table Exercise: What Happened This Week?

- What were some of your aha! moments from the past week?

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- Were you able to tell your story of redemption to your child? If so, what happened?

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- When you worked on the Questions to Consider in Writing a Family Mission Statement, what were some of your insights?

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## Table Exercise: What Words Have Shaped You?

- What words were spoken over you as a child that shaped you, positively or negatively?

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## Table Exercise: Making Choices for Community

- How will I intentionally and strategically set up an environment where my child will be a vital part of a faith community?

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# Writing a Family Mission Statement

*But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.  
—Proverbs 14:22b*

1. As you begin to think through your mission statement, write down three things you want for your family/children as an end result—what do you hope to see in your child's life when he is a young adult someday? (Examples: to live a life according to God's laws and grace, to reflect God's character, to demonstrate a life of love, etc.) Write these three end results here:

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2. Think about your desires and vision for your family, based on the end results you wrote above. Refine the words. Play with them.

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3. In what ways could you be a part of the vision leading to these end results? Think of three words or phrases that give you a place in that. (Examples: model, nurture, encourage, hold accountable, demonstrate, come alongside of, inspire, etc.) Write these three action words/phrases here:

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4. Pray about what you've written. Attach these action words to the end results from step 1. Add linking words to create a rough draft of a mission statement. Write it on a separate sheet and take it to your table group at your next meeting.

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## **Sample Family Mission Statement:**

*We will endeavor, with God's help, to be a family that models lives lived in accordance with God's laws and grace, to come alongside those who are poor, both in life and spirit, and to nurture our children to reflect the character of God by demonstrating a life of love in all circumstances.*

# Intentionally Pursuing Community

How will I/we intentionally and strategically set up an environment where my/our child will be a vital part of a faith community?

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chosen and adopted son  
of the Most High King;

Heir to an eternal inheritance  
awaiting me in heaven;

Bought and  
completely paid for  
by the perfect sacrifice  
of Jesus Christ's own blood,  
and sealed  
throughout all eternity  
with the power of God's  
Holy Spirit.

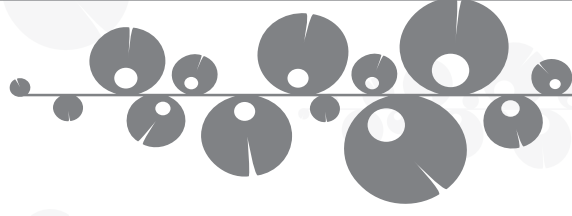
Don't mess with me!

My name is \_\_\_\_\_,  
chosen and adopted daughter  
of the Most High King;

Heir to an eternal inheritance  
awaiting me in heaven;

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# Questions for Reflection

1. Where do you see the Holy Spirit already at work as He helps your child understand her identity and place in the greater faith community?

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2. How might you come alongside and support what the Spirit is doing?

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3. Have you been awakened to any ways in which you've been thwarting what the Holy Spirit wants to do in your home? If so, where have you been off track? What would you like to do differently?

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