

What's A Family For?

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"The LORD God said, 'It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.' That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife."
Genesis 2:18, 24a NIV

Real family is to be a . . .

1. Shelter in storms.

Reverence for God gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security.

Proverbs 14:26 TLB

One standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer.

Ecclesiastes 4:12a TLB

2. Learning center for life.

May our sons in their youth be like plants that grow up strong.

Psalms 144:12a GNT

These commandments . . . Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NIV

3. Place to play.

A happy heart is like good medicine, but a broken spirit drains your strength.

Proverbs 17:22 NCV

Children are a gift from God; they are his reward. . . . Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them.

Psalms 127:3,5a TLB

4. Launch pad for purpose in life.

Stephanas and his family . . . were the first to become Christians in Greece, and they are spending their lives helping and serving Christians everywhere.

1 Corinthians 16:15b TLB

The synagogue leader . . . and his whole family believed in the Lord . . . and were baptized.

Acts 18:8 GW

"As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15b TLB

Weekend Music:

Here For You (Jeremy Riddle) • The Praise Is Yours (Matt Redman)
O Praise The Name (Hillsong Worship)