



FAMILY STANDARDS PLAN



Complete the Family Book Standards found on the next page by putting your family name(s) at the top, and then discussing which types of books will and will not be read in your home.

Below are some questions you may want to discuss with your family when talking about family standards. Use this information as a starting place to kick off your family's discussion.

- In what ways are books teachers? Consider the fact that learning by example is one of the most effective and powerful ways to learn.
- If strengthening your family through books is important to you, what kind of books should you avoid? What kind should you encourage?
- If strengthening character through books is important to you, what kind of books should you avoid? What kind should you encourage?
- What kind of language is acceptable in books your family reads? (Consider discussing negativity, kindness, and respect in the way we speak, potty language, profanity, taking God's name in vain, etc.)
- How do you want to feel after reading books?

The Good and the Beautiful Book List contains only books that meet the following standards. You may choose to implement these standards for your own Family Book Standards, use them with modifications, or write your own standards.

- Does not portray bad behavior or weak character traits as humorous, entertaining, or desirable:
laziness, negativity, flippant attitude, name calling, telling lies, disrespect, cruelty, dishonesty, violence, gossip, pride, vanity, self-centeredness, revenge, greed, worldliness, unkindness, immodesty, immorality, lack of depth of character
- Does not make dysfunctional family relationships seem normal and acceptable
- Promotes respect and appreciation for parents, siblings, teachers, peers, and one's self
- Portrays moral values as desirable and worth the effort
- Portrays learning and education as desirable and noble
- Is free from swear words, potty language, crude language, and taking the Lord's/God's name in vain
- Is free from violence, cruelty, or bad behavior that is too graphic in description, overly dark, solely for entertainment, or made to look acceptable

THE _____ FAMILY
BOOK STANDARDS

BOOKS ARE TEACHERS

OUR FAMILY HAS JOINED THE GOOD AND THE BEAUTIFUL BOOK CHALLENGE

In our house books will:

In our house books will not:

Signed: _____

OUR FAMILY IS COMMITTED TO READING ONLY
BOOKS THAT MEET OUR STANDARDS FOR ONE YEAR.

