

# God in our Family, Family in our God

Our family can be hectic at some times. But, what we lack in prestige, we make up in our faith for God. I recently moved in with me and my mom's close friends. Our family consists of me, my mom, and my mom's friend's family. Even though our family is not blood-related, I still consider them brother and sister, aunt and uncle. The adults in our family met before we were born when they were young and at work. Because of this, me and my "kind of" siblings got along pretty quick. And now that we live together, we do everything together too! And that is what led me to writing this essay.

I'm ninety percent sure that two of the three adults at my house weren't christian before they had kids. I was sent to church even though our family wasn't christian because my mom wanted me to make friends at a young age. Because of this, we became christians that attended church every Sunday. I thought being a christian was staying still and listening to people talk about this really cool dude named Jesus that lived a long time ago.

But, after a year or two, my family was introduced to Vision School. Vision School was a 8 week mission training program for all generations. Each generation having a separate Vision School, the activities and the lectures that we listened to were adapted into our knowledge level and our age. Every Saturday, I was so pumped to go to Vision School and meet my new friends and listen to a fun way to learn about how God is working not only in our lives, but in the countries that don't know Jesus too. Because of Vision School, I had this burning desire to go out to the 10/40 window which is a place in the world where there are the least churches. So, that summer, I had the opportunity to go to Egypt for a two-week mission trip at the age eight. So many people doubted me because I was so young. But, God worked through the Kids Generation and we experienced revival in the nation of Egypt. After my first mission trip, I had an even bigger passion for 10/40 window missions and went on three more short term mission trips after Egypt. Because of this, me and my mom introduced Vision School to our friends who we currently live with. Through this, both of our families had the same vision together and had the same mindset on the Kingdom of God and the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ has multiplied by more than you can even imagine. Whenever we even went to school or got into the car, we prayed after getting in the car and before we left the car. Whenever me and my older brother go biking, we pray before we start going anywhere because we know our God will protect us. On Saturdays, our family wakes up early and we gather together as a family in one room and take out our bibles and notebooks, we spend two or three hours reading the bible, sharing with each other, and how we can improve our relationship with God through the passage for that day.

Our family is full of worshipers. Me, the dad, my older brother, and my older sister are worship leaders in our own generation. Our house is so full of worship you can't name one second someone wasn't playing their guitar and worshiping for 30 minutes to 2 hours. Worship is so important in our life because it reminds us what God has done for us and we have to do for God. Our worship makes our house so lively and joyful at the same time.

If you look around our house, you'll see white canvases with bible verses with a bird or leaf on it. Whenever you brush your teeth or do the laundry, you'll see a bible verse or some bible reference next to you. Our family has so much talent and we use it for God and to glorify him. Five out of eight people in our family can play guitar, six out of eight people can do any form of art, and seven out of eight of our family has been to missions two or more times. All of these talents are all to glorify God and his work. If you look at our conversations, two thirds of the time we're talking about vision school, some pastor, or a speaker/missionary from some christian congregation that we like.

Our family relies on God for everything and I'm thankful for it. I'm not here to show off to everyone that we love God better than everyone else, but to encourage everyone to live a lifestyle that God can dictate. It's easier that way.