

# Loween Family Portrait

(working draft)

## **Vision:**

What do we accomplish as a family?

- Exhibit the 8 attribute of love
- Know & serve our neighbors
- Know & talk about the Bible
- Pray for people
- Grow close and bond through quality family time
- Invite people into our home
- Healthy & balanced living (physically, emotionally, spiritually)

How does society benefit from the work of our family?

- Receive hospitality
- People will be loved/God's love demonstrated
- Glimpses of heaven on earth
- Power of God can be release on people to change their lives

What makes our family successful and more importantly significant?

- Find identity & security in Christ
- Value relationships over material things
- Allowing the Holy Spirit to be our guide (vs. worldly values)

What would God say about the work of our family?

- Keep following and obeying me and I'll do the work.

How are family values reflected in our decisions?

## **Purpose:**

Family Name: The home of Mike & Jaci Loween

What the family does: give generously of our time and resources

For whom: our family, our friends and our neighbors

Why: the glory of God and the love of people: (Provide or produce: to glorify God, by loving our neighbor as ourselves)

**Our purpose is to glorify God and build loving relationships our family members, neighbors and others through giving generously of our time and resources in order to have a maximum impact for His kingdom (...balance and health...)**

Values:

### **1. Faith**

Definition: We believe in God our Father and know Him through Jesus our Savior and follow Him through the Spirit our Counselor. His Word is our ultimate guide in seeking and living for Him.

- "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." Acts 16:31

Behavior:

- Glorify God
- Daily reading the Bible & prayer
  - Ask for wisdom and discernment in all circumstances
- Pray together
- Attend church regularly
- Serve together
- Bible studies
- Live with an eternal perspective
- Leading & mentoring
- Identify & use spiritual gifts

### **2. Relationships**

Definition: Seeing all people as made in the image of Jesus, worthy of love, grace and forgiveness, seek to know and appreciate individuals' uniqueness's and needs.

- Love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:39

Behaviors:

- Communicate feelings with words & actions
- Ask for forgiveness
- Listen to understand
- Play games together
- Practice hospitality – open door policy
- Use our words to build one another up (encouragement)
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help us discern the needs of others
- Show respect for peoples' property, emotions, and faith

### **3. Adventure**

Definition: with a spirit of discernment and freedom, go out into the world courageously, traveling the path God provides.

- For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. - Jeremiah 29:11

Behaviors:

- Prayerfully seeking God for "next steps" & opportunities
- Choosing courage over fear
- Going new places, trying new foods
- Choosing uncomfortable circumstances on purpose
- Save money (spend less on material things) to provide room for adventurous experiences

#### **4. Life-long Learning**

Definition: in humility, seek knowledge and wisdom on subjects and content in order to be understanding of others and confident in truth.

- Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser, Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning. Proverbs 9:9

Behaviors:

- Read & study the Bible regularly
- Complete homework with a positive attitude
- Use free-time to read and study
- Ask questions and seek answers (wisdom)
- Learn from mistakes – examine results of choices/actions
- Try new sports or hobbies

#### **5. Well-being**

Definition: We will keep our bodies healthy, live active lives and enjoy the unique abilities and passions God has given us.

- Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? 1 Cor 6:19

Behaviors:

- Workout regularly
- Participate in sports/activities
- Make nutritious food choices
- Try new things
- Outdoor hobbies
- Healthy & consistent sleeping habits

**Norms/ Code of Conduct**

- No singing at the table
- Listen when others are talking
- No staff manipulation :)
- Treat each other with respect
- Complete chores
- Use manners (please/ thank you/ be thankful for food)
- Try new foods
- Allot allowance as directed
- Daily Quiet time
- Worship music as a common element of our environment
- Screen time and phone regulations (not at the dinner table, max of 60 min screen time per day)
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### **Roles:**

Finances - Mike

Maintenance - Mike

Cooking - Jaci

Dishes - Mike/Kids

Laundry- Schedule

Cleaning- Schedule

Daily Schedule -

### **KRAs**

Spiritual Health

- Daily quiet time
- Weekly Sunday Church
- Weekly Wed Night church
- Prayer before school, meals and bed
- Mentors for Mike & Jaci. Meet one time per month
- Memory Verses for everyone (Zion during school year, Dad will make plan for summer)
- Stewarding time and money
- Teaching

Marriage

- Sunday Nights (something fun, and connect)
- Get out for date one time per month: alternate who plans the date
- Get away overnight \_\_\_\_\_? ("Talk Sheets")
- Exercise together one time per week
- Share what we are learning to one another
- Love languages

Jaci - Quality time

Mike - Affirmation / Physical Touch

## Family

- At least one meal together each day
- Family night one night per week (game night, movie night etc.)
- Extended family one time per month each side
- Family trip one time per year

## Parenting

- Pray for kids daily
- Allow kids to participate in one activity / quarter in their area of interest
- One on one w/ J & M three times per week.
- One on one outing once a month with each child.

## Communication Strategies

- Breakfast communicate activities / plans for the day
- Quarterly planning meeting?
- Annual Portrait updates?
- Pray together concerning big decisions

## Decision Making

- We will use various methods of decision making
- We will communicate to kids what kind of decision making process we are using