

*The*  
**FAMILY MANIFESTO**  
**CREATOR**



*Little Rabbit Trails*

# Intro

## So you want to create a Family Manifesto but you're not sure how to start?

What is a manifesto anyhow?

Merriam-Webster said that it is "a statement of intent, a writing down of ones beliefs, ideals, hopes and more." But why should you even have a family manifesto?

A manifesto can bring unity and clarity to your family. It will state your families values and shine a light on the things that are held closest to the heart. Every family will have a different manifesto because every family is different. You could try to use a pre-made manifesto but it will hold little importance to you. Almost like memorizing the names of all of the U.S. presidents. The information has value, but there is no emotional connection to it. The manifesto should be something that will bond your family closer together. It should foster love, unity and define what success is. Some people call their family declaration a statement or motto. No matter how you look at it, they are all created to bring the family together and inspire greatness, love, and cohesion. The following steps will help you wrap your mind around this great task and have you printing out your manifesto in no time.



# Starting Simple

Lets start simple and just think of your family and the way It is now, both the good and the not so awesome. This will help you pinpoint areas, or things, your family is good at and areas that you may want to improve on. For example: You may be really great at supporting each other in your activities and working together as a family but pretty bad at being self-motivated and empathetic to each other. Then again, perhaps you would like to create a culture of service in your home and towards others. Now don't think about individuals quite yet. Just of how your family is as a unit. Don't worry, you will have a family meeting about this soon.

Family Strengths

Family short comings

# The Individual

Now is your opportunity to ponder on individuals in your family. Is there a special message or idea that you would like to emphasize to one or more of your family members? Maybe you have a child who needs to know that everyone loves them. Maybe someone needs to understand that each person has their own special gifts and that is ok. Possibly, there is a fibbing problem in your home and you want to emphasize the importance of being trustworthy and dependable. Take a moment and ponder each person.

# Get Inspired

Now its time to chose what style you want your manifesto you want. A true manifesto would be written out in full sentences. Some people decide to chose a series of words or ideas. You do what is best for your family. I wanted to do full sentences even though I have a large age range with gaps (10 year difference from oldest to youngest) I feel that over time little children will be able to memorize it and can potentially know it the best. Plus, you can have deep discussions about the meaning of each sentence. But then again, it is your choice how to do it. If you would like a little more inspiration, Check out my Family Manifesto Pinterest Board  
<https://www.pinterest.com/littlerabbittrails/family-manifesto/>

Once you make this choice, it would be great for you to plan a get together with your entire family and get their input. They may feel that improvements are needed in areas you didn't think of. Have some snacks, this may take a little time. Are your children tiny, like really tiny? Keep reading and you can meet with your children a little later. If you're married, make sure to include your spouse in the next part, if not in the entire process.

## WATTS FAMILY MANIFESTO

Our mission is to reinvent what the "American Dream" looks like for our family, and to inspire others to **deliberately choose** what it looks like for them; to not just accept the "status quo". Our site is for people who can conceive of a world different and better than the one they currently live in...and are willing to give of their **time, energy** and **talents** to achieve it.

**WE ARE ABOUT** | We believe **life is about**

owning **LESS**

*yet* having **MORE**

accumulating less "stuff",  
and accumulating more  
*experiences*  
and *memories.*

**IT'S NOT ABOUT CONVENIENCES AND LUXURIES, BUT ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU ARE WITH AND THE JOURNEY YOU TRAVEL.**



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The next part is the fun part. Now you are going to piece all of your notes together to create your manifesto. Below I have included a list of over 100 words to help you create the perfect family statement that will become your mantra.

1. Look at the Awesome Word list and highlight the words that align with, and support the goals and ideals you plan to include in your manifesto.

2. Read through the statement starters and try to complete each statement. Remember to include your strengths and the areas you want to improve on. Have family members help fill in the blanks to create sentences of inspiration.

3. Now place together the different statements. Feel free to change up the wording. Remember, they are there to get the wheels turning in your head. They are not set in stone. Once you choose the order you want them in make any other tweaks you want. Don't like one? Get rid of it. Want to combine two of them? Then do it.  
IT IS YOURS!

4. Type it up and create your own poster. You could even use something like photoshop or Canva and make it pretty. If you want, take it to a print shop and have it printed in a larger size. Present it to the family.

**Congratulations!**  
**You now have a family manifesto**

# The Awesome Words

Accountability  
Adaptability  
Adventurous  
Athletic  
Ambitious  
Bold  
Brave  
Calm  
Capable  
Cheerful  
Creative  
Compassionate  
Communicate  
Confident  
Conscientious  
Considerate  
Correctable  
Courage  
Dedicated  
Dependable  
Determined  
Diligent  
Disciplined  
Diplomatic  
Eager  
Empathy  
Empower  
Enduring  
Energetic  
Enthusiastic  
Flexible  
Forgiving  
Friendly  
Fun  
Generous  
Gentle  
Giving  
Gutsy  
Happy

Hard-working  
Healthy  
Helpful  
Humble / Humility  
Honest / Honorable  
Imaginative  
Independent  
Innovative  
Inquisitive  
Inspire  
Integrity  
Intelligent  
Joyful  
Kind  
Knowledgeable  
Leader  
Love  
Lovable  
Loyal  
Listener  
Meek  
Mighty  
Motivated  
Musical  
Nice  
Nurturing  
Obedient  
Open-minded  
Optimistic  
Organized  
Out-going  
Passionate  
Patience  
Patriotic  
Peaceful  
Penitent  
Perky  
Persevere  
Persistent

Perspective  
Playful  
Pleasant  
Positive  
Practical  
Problem Solver  
Purpose  
Rational  
Reliable  
Reasonable  
Resilient  
Resourceful  
Respectful  
Self-confident  
Self-directed  
Self-starter  
Self-sufficient  
Scholarly  
Sensitive  
Sincere  
Spiritual  
Straightforward  
Strong  
Sympathetic  
Talented  
Thorough  
Thoughtful  
Tolerant  
Trustworthy  
Understanding  
Unique  
Unselfish  
Upbeat  
Warm-hearted  
Wise  
Worthy  
Vigilant  
Vision

*The \_\_\_\_\_ family manifesto*

*Creating a home that is \_\_\_\_\_*

*Our home is a place \_\_\_\_\_*

*We love to \_\_\_\_\_*

*We strive to \_\_\_\_\_*

*We will encourage \_\_\_\_\_*

*We love \_\_\_\_\_*

*We stand for \_\_\_\_\_*

*We will do \_\_\_\_\_*

*We will show \_\_\_\_\_*

*We will be \_\_\_\_\_*

*We will always \_\_\_\_\_*

*We will seek \_\_\_\_\_*

*We will take \_\_\_\_\_*

*We believe \_\_\_\_\_*

*We support \_\_\_\_\_*