



# FAMILY DREAM INSTITUTE

## Family Fun & Blessing Night Instructions and Suggested Schedule

Dear Pastor,

We have seen a dramatic shift in family values in Canada in the past few years. Parents today are dealing with situations they never dreamed they'd be facing with their kids. Many of them are unsure of how to navigate the difficult situations and struggles their child may be going through. In our research we have discovered that the number one determining factor of an active faith in a son or daughter in their 20's is the consistent modeling of authentic faith and the blessing of a father and mother.

Don Posterski, commenting on the extensive study, Hemorrhaging Faith commissioned by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada in 2011 said, "If you look at the barriers and drivers, the power of modeling, the consistency of life and the transmission of values, there's no greater predictor for spiritual perseverance than the family you are brought up in. The Church probably needs to spend some time thinking about how they can assist parents in the nurturing of kids and some dimension of spiritual formation".

At the Family Dream Institute we have developed exciting new resources for you and church to help parents disciple their children and create a "Culture of Blessing" in their homes. These resources are absolutely free, with a downloadable workbook they can be viewed in the comfort of their own home or in a small group bible study where peers can discuss and pray with one another.

To help launch the use of these online resources the Family Dream Institute is asking you as a church to have a **Family Fun and Blessing Day!** There are online sermons, Power points, and sermon notes for you and your congregations in the Resource section of our website – [www.familydreaminstitute.ca](http://www.familydreaminstitute.ca) .

**Step # 1** Read over and watch the online resources that we have provided for you to capture a vision for a Family Fun and Blessing Day at your church. Take some time to share this vision and pray with your team to discern a day that would work for your congregation. Develop a promotion video or presentation to start promoting this event to your church families.

**Step # 2** Download the "**Power of a Parent's Blessing**" sermon notes and PowerPoint designed to explain the current state of faith in the family and give parents an understanding of the importance of blessing their children at the 7 critical times in their lives. At the conclusion of the message we have outlined how to write a blessing in three short paragraphs. They can take some time after the message to complete the blessing they have written.

### Step # 3 Family Fun and Blessing Night

Plan and promote to have a Family Fun and Blessing Night either Sunday afternoon or evening after you have preached this message. The theme of this night is launching super hero kids and it would be great to have a superhero theme for the night. A suggested outline for the Family Fun Night:

- Family Worship Time (Fast paced singing and worship designed for all age groups 2-3 songs maximum.
- Optional Crowd Breaker
- Message: Launching Superhero Kids and Youth (Notes and PPT provided).
- Break into family groups and have a time where parents bless their children or singles may want to bless one another.
- Conclude with the a blessing over all of the families.
- Celebrate with a food and family fun time. Ice cream social, chocolate fondue or even a pizza party. Have some board games and other activities scattered in the gym or hall you are meeting in.

### Follow-up

Promote parents to watch the new online resources found at <http://familydreaminstitute.ca/watch>

People can download the online workbook and watch them online at their convenience. Or they may choose to invite a few other people over and form a parents support group. There are three simple things parents can do to build a strong family.

1. Couples should take time to pray together for six minutes a day where they repent for any relational wounds, thank their spouse for one thing they appreciated that day and take a moment to look in their spouse's eyes and bless them.
2. Have a family meal once a week and take the time to discuss current situations that are happening in their world and share a biblical principle or character quality that relates to that subject. At the end of the meal take the time to look in each of your children's eyes and repent if you have hurt them that week and bless them.
3. Start to implement the 7 Critical times of blessing in each of your children's lives. Plan a special night of blessing for a daughter or organize a father/son Rite of Passage weekend with a group of dads for your teenage sons.



These three simple keys are not a formula but rather a way of life that helps you as a pastor to disciple your parents to disciple their children. Our prayer is that these resources will help equip families and create a culture of blessing in your community.

Blessings

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