



# Hospitality Checklist

*“Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!” –Hebrews 13:2*

- Wonder together about what this scripture verse might mean.
- Begin with prayer. As you consider one family or individual to invite to your home, you can use this checklist as a starting point to help you plan. Think back to your family values and the current needs of your family at this stage. If you’re nervous, start small. Hot chocolate on the porch can be just as meaningful as a home-cooked meal with fancy napkins.



- ☐ Who will be your guests? Decide whom to invite (friends, strangers, Christians, non-believers, work friends, church family, neighbors, new families):
- ☐ Decide if you’re more comfortable with your home being clean and tidy or as is.  
*Often we may feel our homes need to be clean enough or perfectly decorated, but don’t let that stop you from hosting! Sometimes the best gatherings occur in homes that are lovingly lived in. Just as we don’t need to become perfect before coming to Jesus, our homes don’t need to become perfect before welcoming others.*
- ☐ Decide what food or drinks to serve (snacks, a meal, dessert, home-cooked or pre-made, entirely provided by you or potluck style)

- ☐ Plan out your event and assign family members for each task. These are just suggestions:

Who will open the door to welcome guests? \_\_\_\_\_

- Who will serve the food or drinks? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who will pray at the table? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who will clean off the table? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who will serve dessert? \_\_\_\_\_
- Other ideas: \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ Think through any special family rules for time with guests:
- Do we have off-limits spaces in our home?
  - Do we allow screen time?
  - Do we have games or toys that are available for children?
  - Do we want the children to stay with the adults and listen to the conversation (we suggest yes!)

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ Possible things to do:
- Use your table runner to draw pictures that tell God's Story, write get-to-know-you questions (see below for ideas)\* for the guests, write a welcome note, and ask your guests to sign it.
  - Play a game
  - Make a welcome sign
  - Worship together
  - Share the Eucharist
  - Read a book aloud and wonder together
  - Add your own suggestions:

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- ☐ Fun ice-breaker questions:
- What's your favorite place you've ever visited and why?
  - If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
  - When and where would you go if you could travel back in time?
  - What is your favorite thing about living here?
  - What is your favorite scripture verse?
  - Where do you like to spend time with God?
  - Who is your favorite Bible character and why?
  - Draw a picture of what God's love looks like to you.
  - Draw a picture of your family.
  - What is your favorite family tradition?
  - List words that describe your family.