



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: _____
- _____
- _____

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: _____

Possible things to do:

- Use your table tent.
- Play a game
- Make a welcome sign
- Worship together
- Share the Eucharist
- Read a book aloud and wonder together
- Add your own suggestions:
