

HOUSE RULES

Joshua 24:15 ...But as for me and my house, we will worship Yehovah!

RELATIONAL

Honor your father & mother	Do what you are told the 1 st time, with the right heart attitude. No means no. No backtalking. Use your manners.	Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “so that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth.”
Have self-control	Be patient & slooow to anger: No hitting, pushing, scratching, biting, throwing, or snatching.	James 1:19-20 Know this, my dear brothers: let every person be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger—for anger doesn’t produce the righteousness of God.
Speak with kindness	No taunting, yelling, name calling, lying or exaggerating: (“you always”, “you never”, “every time”, etc.).	Proverbs 16:24 Pleasant words are honeycomb—sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 12:18 Reckless speech is like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
Love one another	Always pursue how we may love & bless each other. No cheating or always selecting the best for ourselves.	1 Corinthians 13:4-5 Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not brag, it is not puffed up, ⁵ it does not behave inappropriately, it does not seek its own way, it is not provoked, it keeps no account of wrong,
Be respectful	Leave each room, toy, or anything ‘borrowed’ as good or better than the way you found it. Pick up after yourself. You are responsible for any mess you & your friends make.	Matthew 7:12 So in all things, do to others what you would want them to do to you—for this is the Torah and the Prophets. James 2:8 If, however, you fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well.
Sharing is caring	New things are shareable after 24 hours (with permission).	1 Corinthians 10:24 Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.
Listen & pursue peace	Speak politely, in turn, & then take turns listening. When apologizing, name your offense: “I’m sorry for _____”. (This ensures that the offense is properly understood.)	James 5:16 Confess your offenses to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed... 2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brothers, rejoice! Aim for restoration, encourage one another, be of the same mind, live in shalom—and the God of love and shalom will be with you.
Be thankful & content	We say “please” & “thank you” – no whining. <i>You get what you get & don’t throw a fit.</i>	Philippians 2:14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Messiah Yeshua.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Put the house to bed	Lay out all clothes (& accessories) for tomorrow. Clean up all messes (& anything out of order) before bed.	1 Corinthians 14:40 But let everything be done decently and in order.
Bedtime *	Bedtime is __:___ S M T W T F S & __:___ S M T W T F S No TV or electronics 30min prior to bed; allowing our minds to still for prayer & a good night’s rest.*	Proverbs 3:21-24 My son, hold on to sound wisdom and discernment, do not let them out of your sight. ²² They will be life to your soul, and an ornament to grace your neck. ²³ Then you will walk on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble. ²⁴ When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
Waketime *	Waketime is __:___ S M T W T F S & __:___ S M T W T F S This allows sufficient time for prayer, making our beds, & personal hygiene before eating.	Proverbs 6:6-11 Go to the ant, you slacker—consider its ways and be wise! ⁷ It has no commander, no overseer or ruler. ⁸ Yet it prepares its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. ⁹ How long will you lie there, slacker? When will you get up from your sleep? ¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep— ¹¹ and your poverty comes like a bandit and your need like an armed man.
Chore Time	Everyone is assigned chores (daily, weekly, & monthly). Each day’s chores must be completed without grumbling. (‘Chore Time’ teaches us how to work together for a common goal – teamwork.)	1 Corinthians 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,12 Two are better than one, because they get a good return for their effort. ¹⁰ For if they fall, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls and has no one to lift him up! ... ¹² Though a man might overpower one, two can stand against him. Moreover a threefold cord cannot be quickly broken.
Playtime is earned	All chores & homework must be done before playtime, TV, etc.	Proverbs 13:4 The slacker’s soul craves, yet has nothing, but the diligent soul will be satisfied.
Sharing Time	No toys, TV, or electronics during ‘Sharing Time’ (mealtime). Sharing Time is for learning & sharing about each other’s day. We comfort each other when sad, & celebrate when happy.	Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. 1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, tenderhearted, humble-minded. Philippians 2:4 looking out not only for your own interests but also for the interests of others.
Honor the Sabbath	It’s our <i>No-work-family-fun-day!</i> Halleluyah! Everyone gets a free-pass from chores today (not messes).	Genesis 2:3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, for on it He ceased from all His work that God in creating had made. Exodus 20:8 Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.