

FREE PRINTABLE • TEMPLATE

LEGACY LETTER TO YOUR KIDS

Guided prompts to help you write the letter you want your children to keep: your love, your faith, your lessons and your blessing.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

3 JOHN 1:4 • ESV

HOW TO START

Tips, timing and a brainstorm

4 GUIDED PARTS

Love, faith, lessons, blessing

FINAL LETTER

Two lined pages to sign and seal

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WHY WRITE A LEGACY LETTER?

Your dash is the life you live between two dates. Someday your kids will look back on it. A letter in your own handwriting tells them, in your words, what you hoped they'd know.

You don't need to be a writer. You just need to be honest. This template walks you through four parts. Jot rough notes on the prompt pages, then copy your favorite lines onto the final letter pages.

How to use it

1. Print one copy for each child, or one for all of them.
2. Set aside an hour somewhere quiet. Pray first.
3. Answer the prompts in rough notes. Skip any that don't fit.
4. Write the final letter by hand on pages 7 and 8.
5. Sign it, date it and seal it in an envelope.

Tips

- Use plain words, the way you talk at the dinner table.
- Be specific. A real memory beats a general compliment.
- Own your mistakes. Honesty gives your kids permission to grow.
- Keep it about love, not lectures.
- Write a new one every few years. Kids change, and so do we.

When will they read it?

Pick a moment, or write your own.

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| ☐ Now, read together | ☐ A milestone birthday | ☐ Graduation day |
| ☐ Their wedding day | ☐ When they become a parent | ☐ Other: _____ |

Quick brainstorm

Two minutes of notes before you start writing.

Three words that describe this child

A favorite memory together

What I most want them to know

Something I want to thank them for

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WHO YOU ARE TO ME

Start with love. Tell them what they mean to you.

The day you were born (or came into our family), I felt...

What do you remember about that day?

What I love most about you

Their personality, their laugh, the way they see the world.

A memory with you I'll never forget

Things I've seen in you that make me proud

Character, not just achievements.

I want you to always know...

WHAT I BELIEVE

Share your faith plainly. This may be the part they come back to most.

How I came to know God

Your story, in your own words. It doesn't have to be dramatic.

Why Jesus matters to me

A verse that carried me, and why

Write the reference so they can look it up.

A time God was faithful to our family

WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Pass on what life has taught you, including the hard lessons.

A mistake I made, and what it taught me

What I want you to know about...

Pick a few: work, money, friendship, marriage, failure, courage.

What I hope you do better than I did

The best advice I ever got

MY HOPES AND BLESSING FOR YOU

Close with your heart for their future.

My prayer for you

What you ask God for them most often.

What I hope you remember about our family

When life gets hard, remember...

My blessing over you

Speak it like you would at their bedside.

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Date _____ **To be opened** _____

Dear _____,

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