

Wild Days: John 7:37-38

January 2023 Support Group

Parents were split into groups to discuss areas of character focusing on these 5 headings: Heart, Head, Hands, Help & how /what God has instructed us in these areas.

Although most of us home educators do not include life skills as a subject on our program plans, many families incorporate life skills somehow, albeit unintentionally. My proposal is to teach life skills more intentionally.

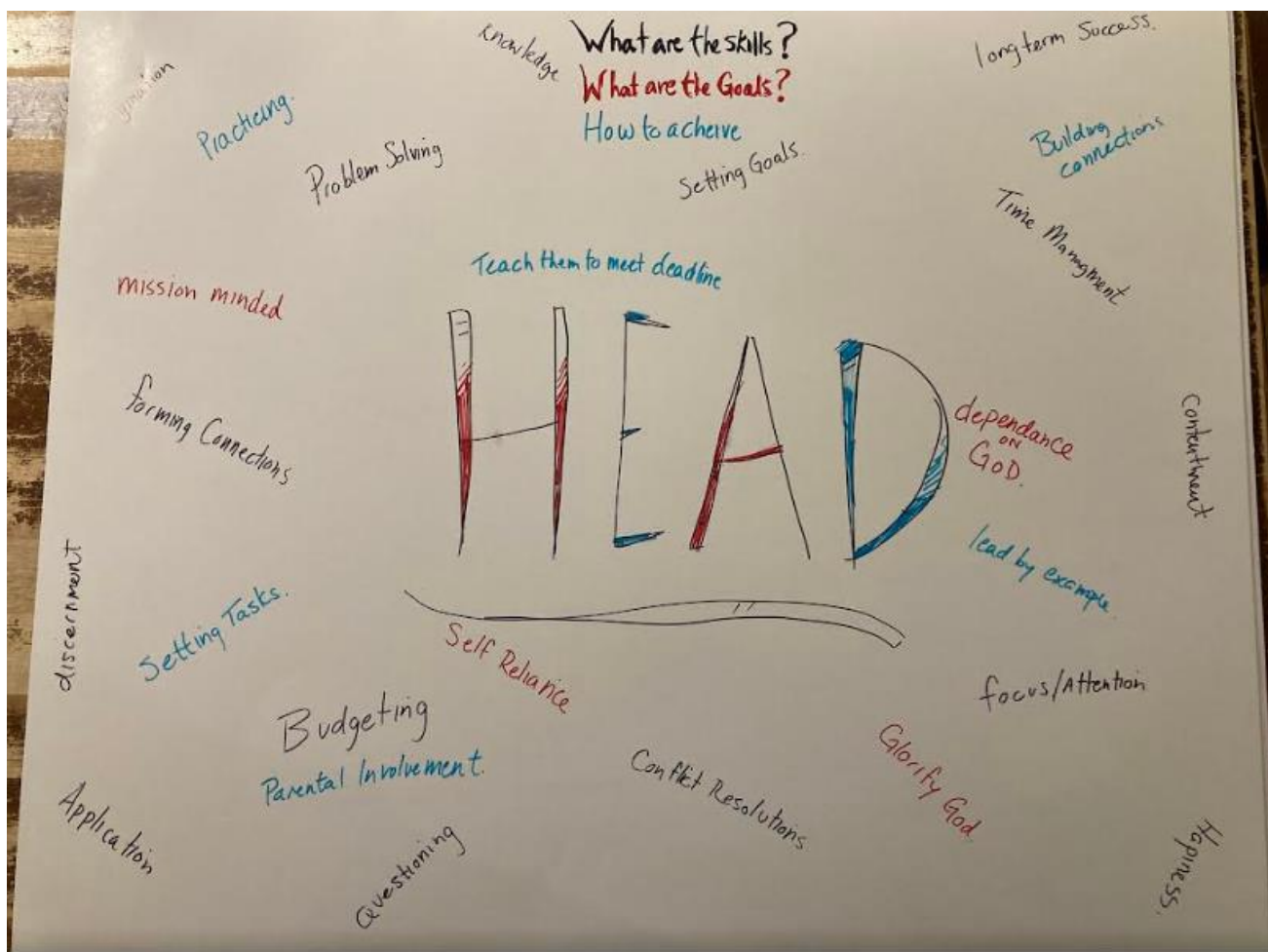
Each group was asked the following questions:

Brainstorm possible life skills that will fall into your selected category.

Brainstorm why these life skills are important.

Brainstorm how these life skills can be incorporated into our routines.

What does God have to say about these areas of skills?



Head

- Time Management - time budgets - asking "How long will 'X' take?"
- Budget (Taxes, Banking, Etc.)
 - "mock" budgets & practice of shopping etc.
 - allowances
 - some discussion of family finance
 - teaching breaking down large projects → small tasks
- Goal Setting → Long term & Short
 - including kids in curriculum planning
- Organization
 - keeping rooms clean
 - assigning tasks to kids
- How to learn → Life-long Learner - Research projects
Research, Vetting Sources
- Discernment - discuss two sides of issues
 - ask "What does the Bible say?" & prayer
- How to handle Failure - opportunity to fail, resilience
- Responsibility - give responsibilities and don't take them back :)

Prov. 1:7 - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge

Genesis 2:17 - Accept the tree of knowledge of good + evil

Prov. 15:14

Learn how to think, not what to think
- not easily influenced
Don't be simple minded Prov. 1:22

Social skills
→ reading facial cues
Good judgement + knowledge - Psalms 119:66

Taking responsibility (organization)
- respect for yourself

Prov. 18:1 - Don't isolate yourself

Time management + needed with career
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Head

Communication skills

Problem solving

Prov. 4:20-22 Keep his words in your heart
Learn natural consequences
1 Timothy 4:12 - speech, conduct, love, faith + purity

Self-control
- respect for others
Matthew 7:12
Do to others as you would have them do to you

Finding directions
- less marital disputes 😊

Life skills

Money management - 1 Timothy 6:10
- Paying bills

Thoughtfulness

Manners
1 Cor. 13
LOVE!

Conversation skills

We're not raising children, we're raising adults!

Fruits of the Spirit
Galatians 6:22

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience
Kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness
and self control.

Teach us class

Trusting God!

Heart work is Hard work

Heart is well spring!

Proverbs 4:23
What does it mean to have a good heart?

Identity in
CHRIST!

We are a new
Creation.

Conflict Resolution
Matthew 18:15

Living well with other people.

Home school

Heart

Love God.

Scripture Memorization
Thy word have I hid, psalm 119:11
That I might not sin against thee
Start morning!
Listening to scripture.

Remembering what God
has done.

Communication
with God

Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Starting the morning with prayer. Luke 6:45
Using prayer sticks in morning

Communication .

The tongue James.
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glossa

Hope!

gratefulness James 3
gratitude.

journal
thankful pumpkin.

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not living
in better mood

Good things out of a good heart.

FORGIVENESS! With God's strength.
Not holding debt. ←

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Patience

Galatians 5:22-23
... the fruit of the Spirit...

Compassion
1 Peter 3:8

Helping neighbours
Matthew 22:39

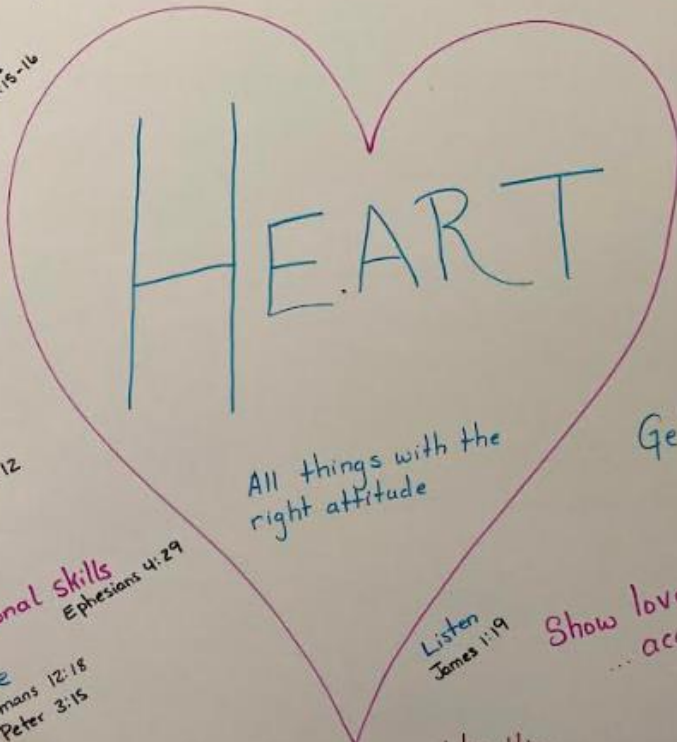
Honouring your parents
Matthew 19:19

Keeping your word
James 5:12

Thankfulness
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Intentional Kindness
-reaching out-
James 2:15-16

Mercy
Matthew 5:7



Follow God cheerfully
Philippians 2:14

Forgive
Matthew 6:12

All things with the right attitude

Get along with siblings
Romans 12:10

Conversational skills
Ephesians 4:29

How to disagree
Romans 12:18
1 Peter 3:15

Listen
James 1:19

Show love according to God's word
John 13:34

Prayer (for others)
Matthew 6:9-13

Serving God and becoming like Him
Matt. 22:36-39 - Love God and love others -

Micah 6:8

Bring it back to Scripture!



- α empathy for others
- α serving - wanting to help others out.
- α praying for others
- α integrity
- α walking ^{in righteousness} - wanting to do the right thing
- α selflessness - focusing on others - not just self. - generosity
- α love for God & others

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- Praying daily ^{-for them} ^{-with them}
 - Devotions daily ^{→ talking through issues}
 - Teachable moments daily
 - letting them fail
 - ^{teaching them} sharing the Gospel
 - prayer journals

Help

visiting widows, sick, old (James)
free babysitting
meal trains, do groceries
help with house cleaning
driving/carpooling
calling to see how they are doing
shovelling, mowing lawns,
companionship - visiting

Incorporate into our schedule

- pray for guidance in how and who to help
- keeping open time where we can help others as needed.
- be flexible
- spend time in prayer for specific people & situations

Why is this important

- spur one another on
- love your neighbour
- more blessed to give than receive
- carry each others burdens
- Jesus served and gave himself
- helps (kids) to not focus on self
↳ builds empathy; window into others lives
- as adults: being examples for our kids
- show we can accept help too
- God does answer prayers - to us or thru us.
- do what we enjoy - use our skills.

Eccles. 4:9-10
If you fall one
will lift up his
companion

Col 3:12
Put on
compassionate
hearts

having
compassion

Gal 5:22
the fruit
of the
spirit

- Commandment
- makes world better (spreads)
- makes them better

Take
responsibility

- necessary for success + happiness
- Good stewardship
- commandment

- opposite of selfishness
- independence

Taking Initiative
(learning to see a
need + act on it)

Math 25:40 As you did to the least of these...

Caring for
those in
need

James 1:27 pure religion:
visit orphans +
widows

HELP

Serving
Church

Mark 9:35
If anyone
wishes to be
first he must
be a servant

- Glorifying to God
- Good for their soul

- church isn't just
about getting.

1 thes 5:16-18
pray without
ceasing

praying

James 5:16
pray for one
another.

Math 19:14
Let the
children come
to me.

Teaching

Pro 22:6 Train up
a child...

Cooperating
(helping parents)

Eph 6:1
Honor your
parents

- builds good relationships + good attitude.
- success in life + relationships
- commanded being willing

Volunteering

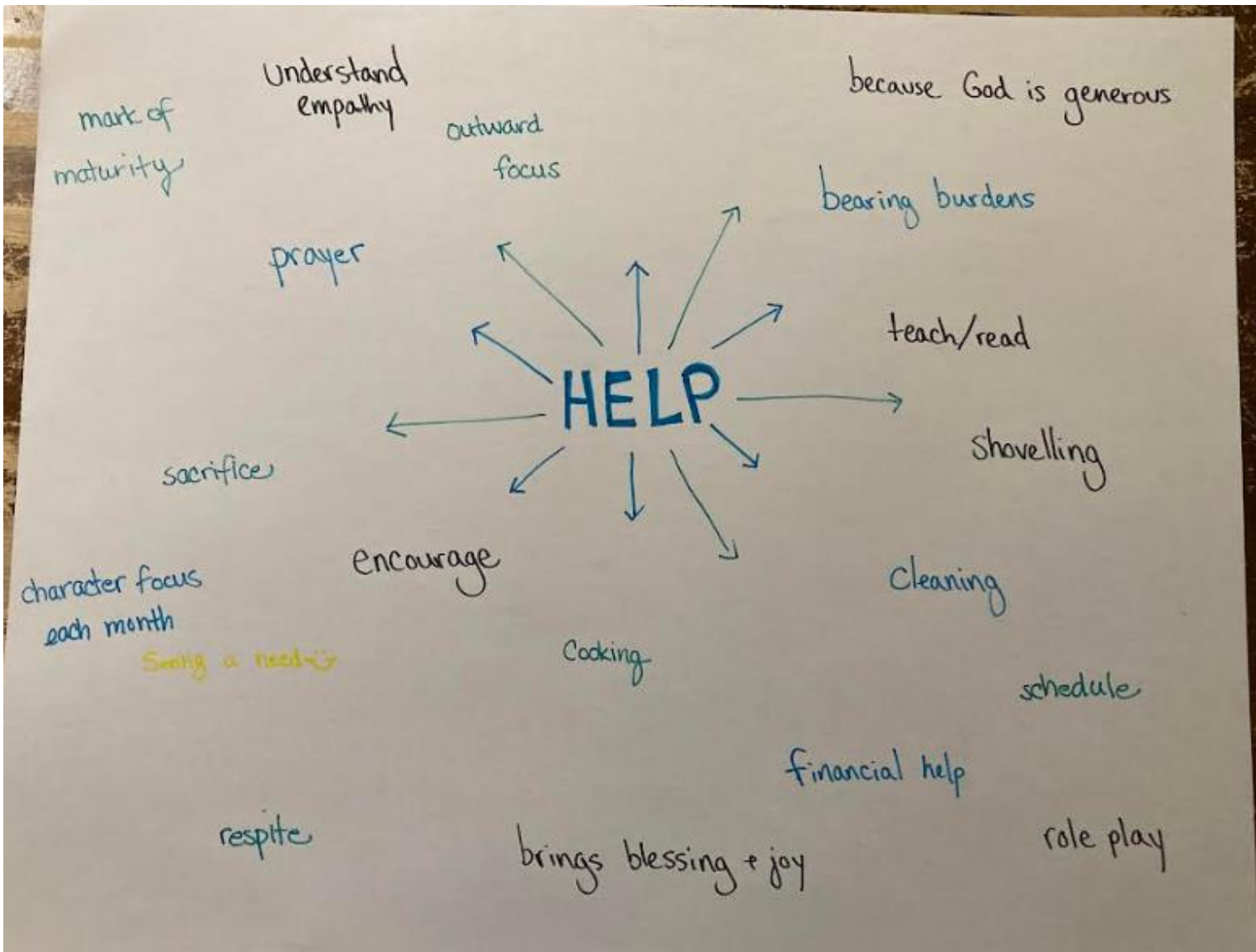
- ↳ Bring them with you
- * make it a school SUBJECT

* Reading it in
scripture!

- pray through
it + about it.

* Modelling it yourself. * Knowing their skills + interests

* Encouraging them
in natural ways *



HANDS

*hospitality

→ pet care *contributing to society
*Being responsible

*Stewardship

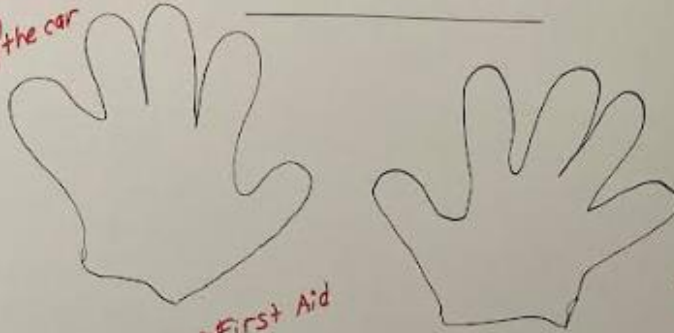
→ childcare
•diaper changes

→ table manners

→ cleaning
•dishes, bathrooms
•floors
•scrubbing
•washing windows
•mopping
•cleaning the car

HANDS

→ Sewing/Mending



→ laundry
•ironing

→ hygiene

→ being active
→ proper nutrition

→ First Aid

→ cooking
•chopping
•stirring
•recipes

→ yard work
•gardening
•mowing

→ wood working

→ car maintenance
•oil change
•check tires
•add washer fluid
•pop hood

→ penmanship

→ computer skills
•typing
•research
•online banking
•safe internet use

→ driving

→ Making a phone call
•appointments
•911

→ shoveling snow

WHY IMPORTANT? :

- you need to eat - nourishment
- honour your bodies - hygiene
- creativity - appreciating beauty
- to be self-sustaining
- future jobs
- sense of satisfaction in accomplishment
- confidence
- hard work

Mechanical Skills

Playing Instruments

Gardening

Caring for / Spaying farm animals

Personal hygiene

Arts / painting + crafts

Cleaning

hosting guests

Hands

Embroidery

How to start a fire (survival)

Laundry

Cursive writing

Sewing

Meal planning

Carpentry

typing

Cutting / chopping

What does the Bible say :

- James 4:8
- Numbers 27:23
- Proverbs 10:5
- Genesis 1:29
- Col 3:23
- Ephesians 5:15-16
- Proverbs 21:27
- 1 Cor 4:12
- 1 Tim 5:13
- Prov. 26:10
- Parable of the Talents
- Matt 25:14-30

- How to incorporate :
- including our kids in tasks
 - visual systems
 - registering for classes
 - reward system

HAND LIFESKILLS

Meal Planning
→ How to manage food appropriately & budgeting.

Cleaning
- Care for your things

COOKING
- To be creative
- hygiene
- taking care of the body
- God gave you

First Aid & Safety
Helping others.

Baby-sitting
- caring for others

Try New Things
- pinch yourself to see if you've learned to fail
- and get back up.

Sewing
- making clothes
- mending

Foraging
- using plants for food & medicine
- natural

Baking
- following instructions
- math skills

Short & long term goals

Earnings & Rewards
Consequences & Failure

- Need to be intentional to learn + finances

Daily Routines

Goal Setting

Making Music & worship

Physical Touch

Good eating habits
- Taking good care of God's Temple

Sports
- teamwork
- exercise

→ Booking classes.
→ Delegate chores.
→ Being Intentional

Writing
- articulate yourself
- communication

Driving Skills
Independence
→ Rights & Responsibilities.

Building
- Job organizing skills

ART
- Creativity

Talking on phone
- Communication

Work Ethic

Prov 1:1-7 prudence, wisdom, discretion

Col 3:23 work as though for the Lord.

Eph 4:28 work to give to those who have need.

Ecc 9:10 whatever you find to do, do it with all your might.

Gen 37-47 Joseph demonstrated trustworthiness, leadership, etc.

Gal 6:9 Don't grow weary of doing good.

I Cor 15:58 For nothing done for the Lord is ~~in vain~~ useless.

10:31 Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God.

II The 3:10 If you don't work, you don't eat.

Prov 6:10 unwillingness to work → poverty, scarcity.

Prov 31 Ex of a hard working ~~and~~ virtuous woman.

Prov 6:6 Ex. ant works hard.

remember working from rest. work is a privilege

Ps 138:3 → morning attitude focus. Devotionals. Discipline (even missing a meal).

Talk about what is work. Having goals, breaking them down, walking them through.
Some personalities have different needs. First do work then recreation.

What does the Bible say About:

work ethic
relationships
Character building
Gal 5:22
Fruits of spirit

Forgiveness

- Heb 8:12
"I will remember their sins no more"

Conflict Resolution

- Difficult Conversations

Implementing
Scripture in the moment.
Practically

- Keeping short accounts
Matt 18:15-17 - If your brother sins against you.

Kids need to clean up their
own "messes" resolve their
arguments

- loving your enemies
Matt 5:43-44
Love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you

- Speaking always with
Kindness & Respect

Phil 4:5 - Let gentleness be seen in
every relationship.

Empathy

- Humility

Phil 2:3-4

Do nothing through selfish ambition
or conceit, but in humility.