



# VIRTUAL FAMILY EDUCATION SERIES

## STEVE HARVEY & 5TH GENERATION LEGACIES

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Today's activity is titled *Living Your Legacy*, and we say "living" your legacy because when we talk about legacy it's really about how we choose to live. Because how we live is what will be left behind, or the legacy we leave.

Today's activity involves watching this four-minute video by Steve Harvey talking about his intended legacy. The exercise with your family is to watch this video, and I'm going to play it in a moment, and then I'm going to share a few questions that you will discuss together as a family as a result of this video. So, let's watch the video first.

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### **STEVE HARVEY VIDEO:**

I was with a friend who went to the hospital one day and um, he asked me to go with him. His grandmother was dying. He said, "Hey, Harvey, you know, you're good with this kind of stuff, just go with me, man."

And I was just standing behind him just sort of holding him up, man, come on, man. He kept calling, "Ma dear Ma dear, I love you," and she said, "Baby, I'm not going to make it. I'm fixing to go home, but I called you down here cause I want to ask you something." She said, "Do you know your great grandfather's name?" He said, "No, Ma dear, I don't." She said, "You know why?" She said, "Because he didn't leave you nothing." She said, "When I die, I want you to go away from here. And I want you to live your life so that your children's grandchildren will know your name. And the only way for them to know who you are is you got to leave them something."

That day, he didn't get the message but I heard it though, I heard it. And when I heard that it changed me. And it changed me to the point where I said wow, I'm going to start living my life so that my grandkids' kids know my name, then I've accomplished a great deal.

We're a blended family, Marjorie had three kids and I had four. All of these kids called me dad, all of them have my last name. Even Marjorie's children asked for my name, they wanted their name to be Harvey. It's because of what I've stood for to them: really investing in their dreams, really talking to them, really giving them advice.

My son, Jason, was on my TV show turned into a birthday show for me. So, I had all my kids, all seven, telling what I meant to them. And when it got to Jason, who was Marjorie's oldest and only biological son. You know, Jason came to me when he was 15 and he said, "I want to change my last name to your last name." And it was emotional for us, you know, we sat on the back balcony and I teared up. And so, we go to court and we change his name. And I took him to get his driver's license, I taught him drive. He passed his driver's test and he got in the car and he's got his license. And we're driving in the car and he shows me his license. I said, "Well that's good you got your license." He said "No, dad, look. My name's Jason Harvey." And me and him drove home crying. It was like a really, really cool moment for me.

And so, I'm building everything now to build a legacy of a life to where my little granddaughter Elle and my granddaughter Rose and grandson Noah and grandson Benjamin, they're going to know my name. But I want their kids to know my name. When their kids know my name, and they say, "My great-grandfather was Steve Harvey, let me tell you what he did."

That's what it's about.

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So, after watching that video by Steve Harvey describing what was important to him about his legacy, it's time for your family to both at the individual level and at the family level, answer these three questions.

The first question is, *what is your intended legacy?* And then defining that.

After answering that question, then ask yourself at the individual level and at the family level, *am I/are we living in a way that we will accomplish our intended legacy?*

And the third question is, *what do you intend to leave your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren?* For example, values, wisdom, family stories, assets, and faith. What do you intend to leave your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in terms of your legacy?

Spend some time as a family discussing these questions and answering them so that, in fact, each day you will be moving closer and closer to your intended legacy, and it will be that legacy, that Steve Harvey talked about, that will be left for your children and future generations.

If you want to learn more about legacy you can go to [LegacyCapitals.com](http://LegacyCapitals.com), click on the store button, then on shop and click on the book images, click on my *Legacy* book and order it. From there, it'll provide other aspects of legacy but ultimately how does one and how does a family live a life that builds the legacy they want to leave behind.

Thank you for this time and may this exercise help your family live its legacy.