

Family Council

Family Education Videos on “Family Values: Our Cherished Legacy”— Time Machines for Virtuous Family Values

Episode 7: “Stories of Finding Family Values”

Video’s Transcript

Dr Moustachio : Your home can be designed,
(Narration) your furniture can be designed,
and so can your family rules and family education.
Have you ever wondered what counts for
desirable family rules and family education?
Put simply, what should your family values be?

Dr Moustachio : We Chinese value the Confucian teachings,
which advocate benevolence, righteousness,
integrity, loyalty, filial piety, etc.
These are all traditional Chinese family virtues
worth passing down through generations
to become the treasures of every family.

Dr Moustachio : So, who am I?
Everyone calls me Dr Moustachio,
and I’m taking you on a treasure hunt—
the hunt for family treasures!

Dr Moustachio : Dear all,
after 6 episodes of
Time Machines for Virtuous Family Values,
have you noticed
which centerpiece of home furniture is missing?
Yes, the sofa!

Dr Moustachio : Surely most people have a sofa at home,
but has it ever crossed your mind
when’s the last time your whole family sat on the sofa,

treasuring your time together
and chatting about your day?
Or instead, after a long day of work or school,
you all just retreat to your rooms
to play on phones or computers?

Dr Moustachio : Sofas can also be the place where
the elders take the lead to set virtuous family values.
In this last episode of the series,
I'd invite the "treasure hunters" of the previous episodes
to sit down and look back on
the virtuous family values they've found earlier.

Dr Moustachio : First, from Episode 2,
the pretty mum who's been a thoughtful role model.
Next, the humorous dad from Episode 5.
Finally, from Episode 6,
the well-brought-up girl that learnt to observe family rules.

Thoughtful Mum : I'll go first.
The key is to lead by example,
learn to "treat others the way you want to be treated",
and set family values that stress on filial piety,
integrity, responsibility and love.
Hubby and I have passed on these family values to our son.

Dr Moustachio : Well done!
I'll talk about Episode 3 then.
This family demonstrates that
what matters isn't a showy princess bed,
but how to show your love.
Family members should learn how to express love,
and how to be grateful for being loved.

Dr Moustachio : Meanwhile, Episode 4 brings out the virtues of
diligence and thrift.

Thrifty Dad : Every meal is a blessing
of having someone to buy and cook the food.
Also, as every grain comes with toil,
waste no food.

Humorous Dad : Troubles are an inevitable part of life,
that's why I always tell my family
to stay resilient, positive and
receptive to new viewpoints,
and to take the bright side of life,
these help maintain a positive mindset.

Young Girl : Great! It's my turn.

Young Girl : Dr Moustachio, do you have any clock that strikes 13?

Dr Moustachio : Alright, let's try it out.

Young Girl : I want to go to...

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Young Girl : I want...

Young Girl : Why ain't I welcomed anywhere?

Dr Moustachio : "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."
While all clocks strike 12,
yours is striking 13...

Young Girl's Dad : All places have their own sets of rules.
For schools there're school rules.
For families there're family rules.
For life there're rules for us too.

- Young Girl : Being courteous and righteous are not merely traditional Chinese virtues, but also indispensable parts of social order in today's world.
- Dr Moustachio : Alright, after recollecting so many virtuous family values, now it's time for you... to go home and dine with your families!
- Dr Moustachio (Narration) : Families are miniatures of society. If we all uphold the virtuous Chinese family values and pass them down through generations, instil in our next generations a sense of responsibility and affection for our families, society and country, and love for our country as much as that for our own families, we will build not only a happy and loving home but also a harmonious and caring society, thereby contributing to our country's development.
- Dr Moustachio (Narration) : In fact, every family member can take the lead to set virtuous family values and pass them on!