

## Your home at risk

Until recently, parents could expect the community to reinforce family values.

The virtues linked to marriage and family life – like love, faithfulness, honesty, responsibility – once had the full support of our surrounding society.

But now our popular culture is hostile to marriage and family.

How strongly this hostility is reflected in the media.

**First**, TV shows scorn the family, make a mockery of marriage, ridicule the art of parenting, and rob our children of their innocence.

**Second**, even popular music is used to down-grade family values via the messages built into many music videos.

And **Third**, Hollywood keeps churning out films that are hardly “family-friendly.”

The good news is that though family break-ups, divorce, youth suicides, and increasing mental stress abound, there are steps we can take to help our family survive.

For example, local churches have practical resources to support those who want to uphold Christian values in their home.

Nor should we worry about any cringe factor here.

Young children enjoy Bible stories, especially when the teaching is done properly, and taught by committed people who love God.

We owe it to our children to let them know about God’s love, and to let them discover the peace, joy and purpose for living that He provides.

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### GOOD NEWS IN BRIEF

The strength of a nation is derived from the integrity of its homes.

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