

THE RESILIENCE READER

CHAPTER 2: HUNT THE GOOD STUFF #HTGS

Science informs us that people who are Optimistic are also: Happier Healthier Have stronger relationships Perform better Are more successful



WHY WE #HTGS

NEGATIVITY BIAS

A BASIC SURVIVAL INSTINCT FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME.

<u>Fighting the Negativity Bias</u>

Focusing on the "bad" or "negative" events in life have kept humans alive for centuries, however, we don't need that response any more.

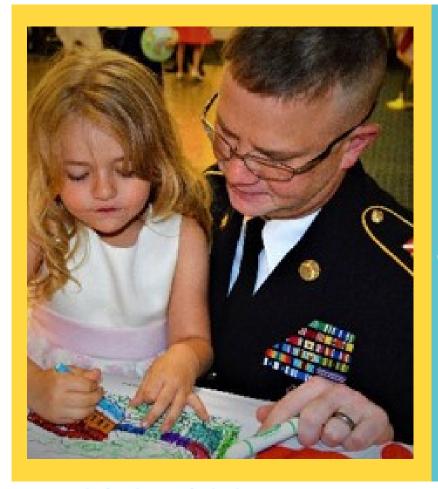
To fight this we intentionally focus on The "Good" By Hunting th Good Stuff!

How to Hunt the Good Stuff

Several times a week write a reflection:

- Why did this good thing happen?
- What does this good thing mean to you?
- How does this good thing make you feel?





#HTGS AT THE DINNER TABLE

Need something to talk about at the dinner time? Focusing on the good as a family is a great way to start.

Question Prompts to promote the conversation:

Tell me something good that happened today.

What made that such a good thing?

#HTGS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

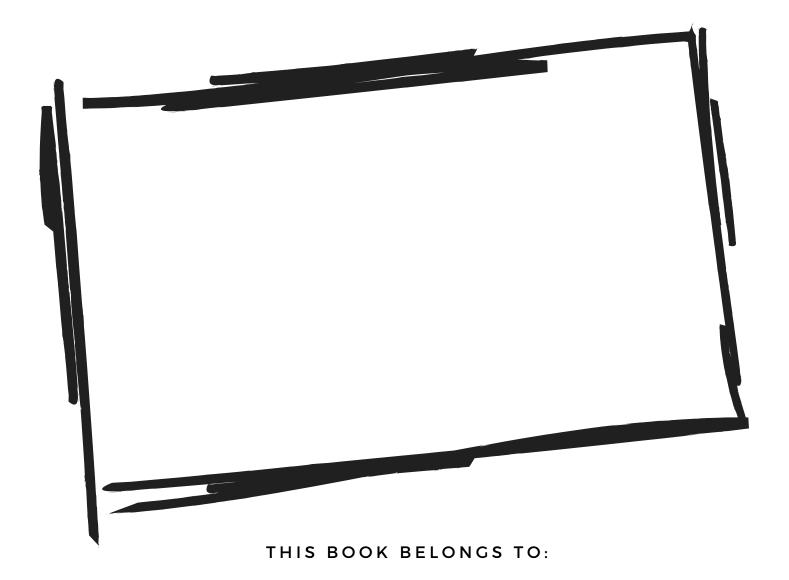
SHARE WITH THE WORLD YOUR "GOOD"!SHARE ACHIEVEMENTS, SHOUT OUTS TO FRIENDS, PROUD MOMENTS, AND MORE!

DON'T FORGET TO SHARE **WHY** THEY ARE GOOD THINGS!





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FILL OUT <u>ONE</u> SELF-CHECK AND <u>ONE</u> HUNT THE GOOD STUFF PAGE A DAY.

DAILY PERSONAL CHECK

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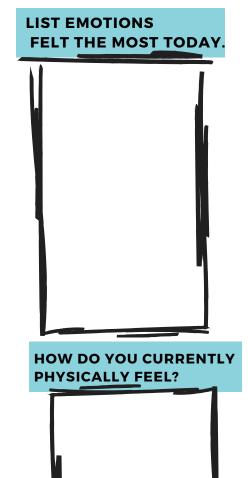
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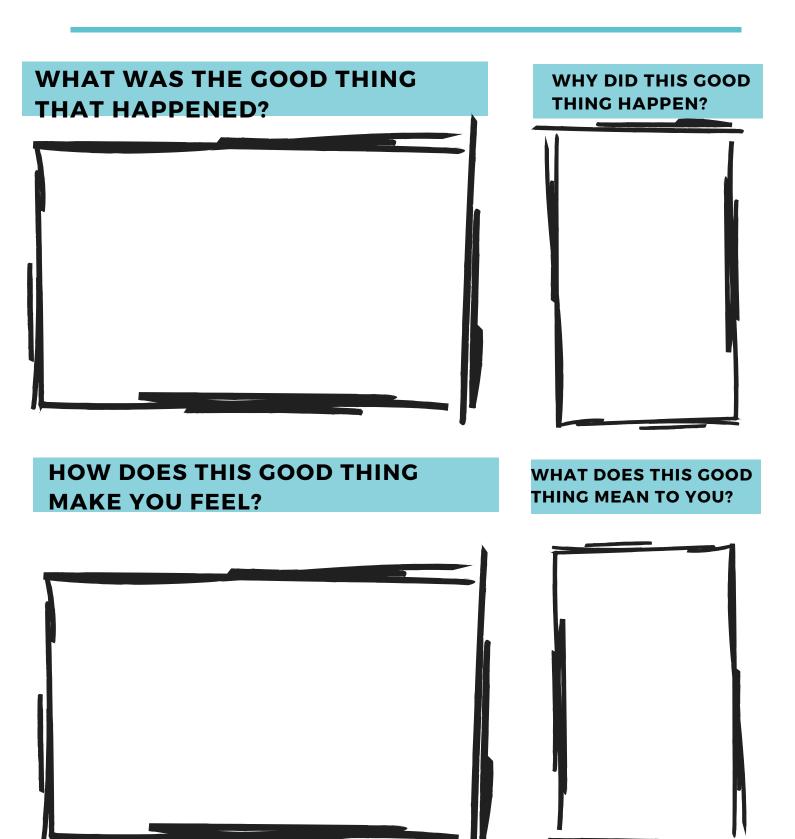
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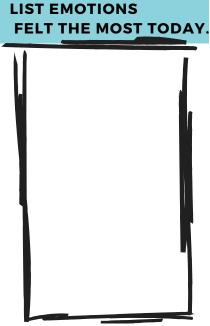
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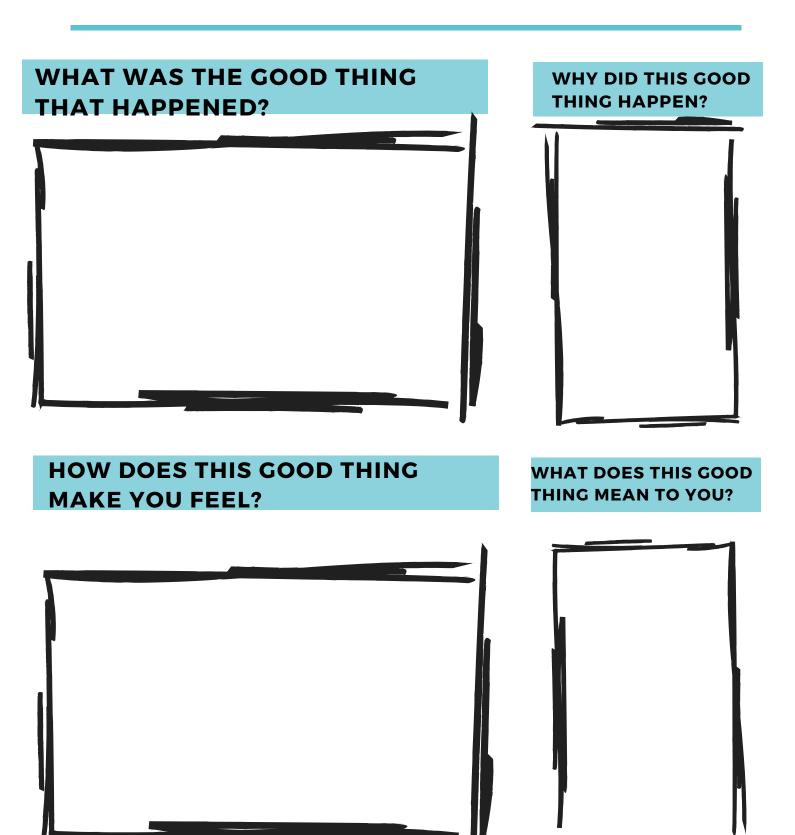
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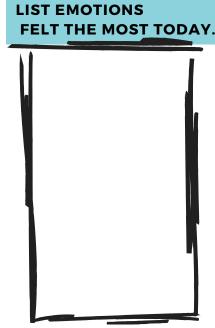
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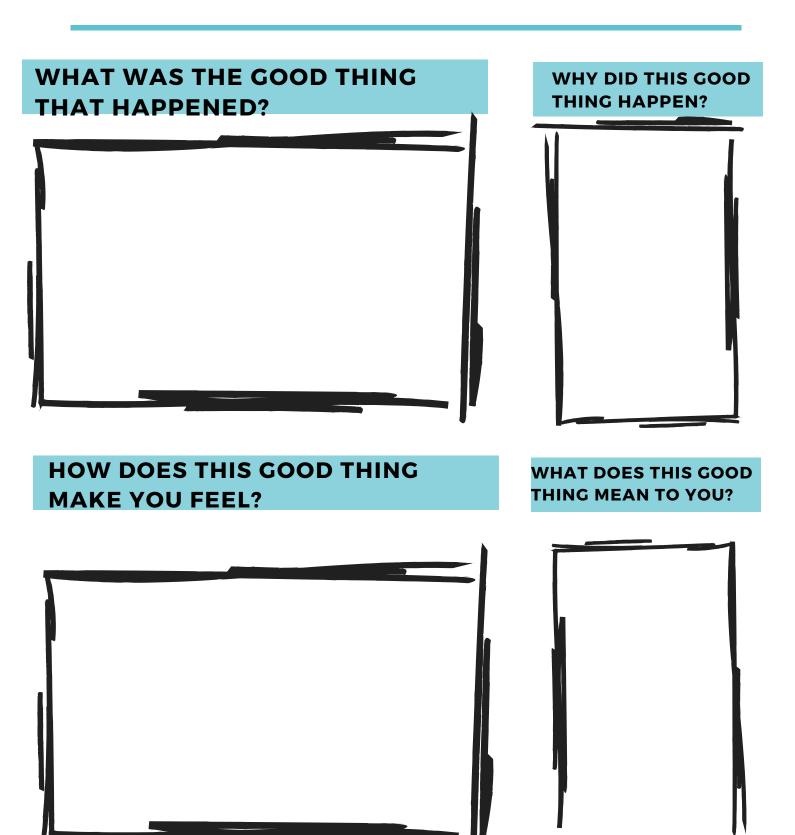
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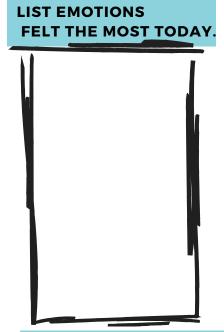
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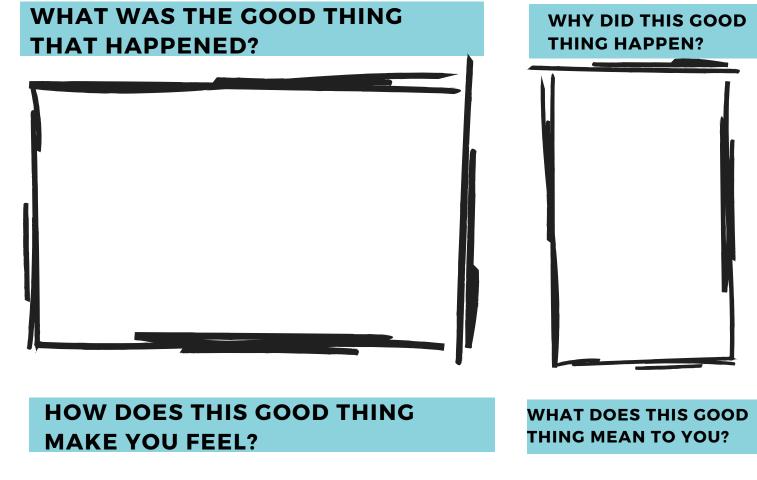
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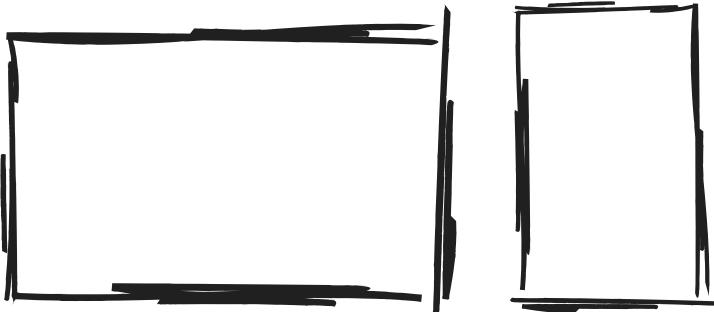
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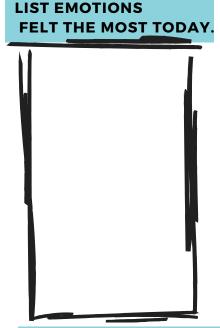
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