

Conversation STARTERS



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I am passionate about family and friends connecting during meal time, and I pray these family time questions will encourage many wonderful times of laughter and engagement. For me, it brings great joy if you would share this with friends, but please send them to www.BeautyAndBedlam.com to receive their own copy.



What is your most embarrassing moment from your childhood?

What is your earliest childhood memory?

What was your favorite toy growing up? What toy do you still wish they sold in the store?

What chore did you dislike when you were young? How about now? What chore do you enjoy?

What is your favorite holiday? What makes it your favorite?

If you could only eat three foods for the rest of your life, what would they be?

If you had your very own plane, where would you fly? Follow up: What would you do there?

If you could paint all the rooms in the house a different color, what color would you paint each room?

If you could be a cartoon character for one week, who would you be?

The historical moment I most remember - both good and bad.

What would you do with your time, if all electronics were taken away?

If you could have dinner with anyone from history, who would it be and why?

If you had to teach a class for a day, what subject would you choose?

What's one choice you really regret? How would you change that mistake?

What was your favorite childhood book? What great book have you read recently?

If you could decorate your room any way you wanted it, what would it look like?

What's your favorite memory of a picnic?

What would you do if school/work was cancelled today and you could do anything you wanted?

If you found a ten-dollar bill in the garage, what would you do with it?

How can you show someone that they are special to you?

What would you do if you saw someone making fun of another person?

What qualities about your mom/dad do you hope to have when you get older?

What are five things you want to have accomplished by the time you are 70 years old?

Do you feel like you are a leader or a follower? What makes you think that?

How would you describe yourself to someone who has never met you?

What's your favorite holiday and why?

What is your favorite family tradition?

If you could stay up all night, what would you do?

If your pet could answer three questions, what would you ask him/her?

If you had to gain 10 pounds, what would you eat to gain the weight?

What is the most beautiful place you have ever seen?

What is one item that you should throw away, but probably won't?

What trip would you most like to take in your lifetime?

If you could be any U.S. president, which one would you be?

What is the most courageous thing you have ever done?

Which person in your family do you look most like?

What do you think makes a good parent?

Describe your perfect day from the time you wake up to the time you go to bed?

Who was your favorite teacher and what made him/her so special?

If you could retire tomorrow, what would you do?

*What superpowers
would you like to have?*

*Have you ever thrown
up in public? Tell about it?*

*If you could live in any
home on a television series,
what would it be?*

*What's the best
bargain you've ever found?
Where did you find it?*

*What's your
favorite commercial?*

*What was the nicest
thing you did for someone
else today? What was the
nicest thing that someone
else did for you today?*

*If you were writing a
newspaper article about your
day, what would the
headline be?*

*If you won the
lottery (or won \$100), what
is the first thing you
would buy?*

*If you could ask God
one question, what
would it be?*

*You are going to be
alone on a deserted island for
a year and you get to take one
book/DVD/CD.
What would you take?*

*If you were president,
name three things that you
would change about the
country right away.*

*If you could make a
movie, what would it
be about?*

*In the movie about your
life, what actor would play
you? Your best friend?
Your family members?*

*If you could invent
something that would make
life easier, what would it do?*

*If you could be an
Olympic athlete, in what sport
would you compete?*

*If your life got
"stuck" at one age, what age
would you choose?*

*If you could change one
thing in the world, what would
you change?*

*If you could change
one thing about yourself,
what would you change?*

*What is the most
important thing in your life?*

*What is the one thing
you couldn't live without?*

Tell a funny joke.

What is the hardest
thing about being _____
years old?

What is the best thing
about being _____ years old?

What job would you
never want to have?

Who is your best friend?
Why are they your best friend?

Would you rather dive
from a high cliff into the
ocean or give a book
report/presentation in front
of 500 people?

When was the last time
you cried? What did you
cry about?

What should a parent
do when their children
don't obey?

If you could have any
animal as a pet, which would
you choose?

How would you
describe God?

*If you had three wishes,
what would they be? (You're
not allowed to wish for money
or another wish!)*

*Do you know how
much your family loves you?
How can you tell?*

*If you could be any
animal, which would you be?*

*If you could only eat
one food, and nothing else,
for three days in a row, what
would it be?*

*What three words best
describe you? What three
words best describe each of
your other family members?*

*What's the one thing
for which you'd like to be
remembered?*

*If you had to live in a
different state, which would
you choose?*

*What living person,
other than family members,
do you admire most?*

*If you could change one
thing about your personality,
what would it be?*

*Would you rather live
in the country or the city?
Mountains or beach?
Cottage or Apartment?*

Describe how you'd like your life to be five years from now. Ten years from now.

If you had to live in another country, which one would you choose?

What's the best meal your mom/dad cooks?

What do you think is your greatest talent or ability? What would you like to try to do that you haven't had a chance to try?

What two items would you grab if your house was on fire?

If you could travel back in time to a specific moment in history, what would it be?

What is something you want to learn how to do and why?

How can adults and children show respect to one another?

If you could start a new family tradition, what would it be?

How do you know when you can trust another person?

*What would you do if
you were a King or Queen?*

*Do you learn more
when you win or when you
lose? Tell us more.*

*What does faith
mean to you?*

*What's your favorite
physical activity and why?*

*What do you think makes
a person a success?*

*What has been your
favorite family vacation?*

*What is the most fun
you've had recently? If you
can't think of anything, stand
up, bawk like a chicken & jump
on one foot.*

*What's the most
important thing people need to
know about God?*

*What does it mean to
"give thanks in all
circumstances"
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)?*

*If you had to pick,
would you rather be blind,
deaf or dumb? Why?*

If you could have any wild animal in the world as a pet, which animal would you choose, and why?

What are some ways you can help unpopular or "different" kids in your class feel accepted?

How do you think Jesus wants us to honor and celebrate Easter?

If you could be an explorer for National Geographic, what area of the world would you most like to explore?

If you could choose your own nickname, what would it be?

If you were given one chance to travel back in time, what event would you like to see?

When you grow up and have children, what will your kids like most about their uncles and aunts (i.e. your brothers and sisters)?

If you could be invisible for one day, what would you want to observe?

What is one thing you prayed about today?

If your friend was ill and confined to bed, name three things you could do to brighten their day.

*If you had the attention
of the world for just 30
seconds, what would you say?*

*If you were asked to
organize a field trip for your
class, where would
you take them?*

*What do you like most
about Christmas?*

*What are your dreams
for the future?*

*What do you think Jesus
was like as a little boy?*

*If you were to write
a book, what kind of story
would it be?*

*What's the best way to
spend a rainy day?*

*How do you think we
could become closer
as a family?*

*Why do you think God
loves us so much?*

*If you could
celebrate your birthday in any
way you like, what would
you do?*

*What's the best
compliment you've ever received?*

*How do you think
God wants us to respond to
difficult people?*

*What's your favorite
thing about fall?*

*What do you think is
the best way to
make friends?*

*Do you spend too much
time online? How much should
one spend each day with media?*

*What are the three
most favorite products
you own?*

" My first hero was..."

*If you could be
someone else for one day,
who would you be?*

*What's your biggest
challenge at school?*

*Who is the funniest
person you know?*

*What gifts or talents do
you think God has given you?*

*What's your favorite
thing about Grandma
and/or Grandpa?*

*What's the most
courageous thing you've
ever done?*

*Has God been teaching
you anything new lately?*

*Do you want to have a
family of your own someday?
Why or why not?*

*What do you think it
would have been like to be
one of Jesus' disciples?*

*What's the best dream
you've ever had?*

*Is there anyone at
school or church that you
look up to or want to be
like? If so, why?*

*Why do you think God
created families?*

*What do you think
your biggest fear is?*

What's your favorite Bible story, and what do you like best about it?

What do you think an angel does all day?

If you could fly, where would you go and what would you want to see?

What do you like best about our family, and how can we make our family even better?

What would you say to God if He were sitting here at dinner with us?

What are your favorite and least favorite subjects at school?

What do you want to be or do when you grow up?

What do you think are good ways to talk to your friends about Jesus?

What's your funniest joke or story?

What are you learning in Sunday school?

If you had to give every human being one quality, what would it be and why?

What is the greatest song ever written?

What do you think (and/or hope) heaven will be like?

Tell the person to your right your favorite thing about them.

Do you ever talk to yourself? When and what do you say?

If snow could fall in any flavor, what flavor would you choose?

Why is education important?

Would you give up junk food to live 10 years longer?

What do children know more about than adults?

What's your idea of a fantastic ice cream sundae?

Would you rather be a
great musician, athlete,
scientist, artist, politician, or
writer?

How will you know
when you're "grown-up"?

When you're having a bad
day, what do you do
to feel better?

If drinking fountains
offered flavors other than
water, what would you want
it to be?

Which TV family is most
like our own?

Which amusement
park is your favorite and what
is your favorite ride?

What is your favorite
smell in the whole world?

What do you think is
the greatest invention
of all time?

Using one word, how
would you describe our
family?

If your parents
misbehaved, what punishment
should you give them?

Would you rather win an
Olympic Medal, the Academy
Award or the Nobel
Peace Prize?

What is your favorite
time of day? Why?

Do we have a family rule
that is unfair?

Would you rather
time travel fifty years into
the past or fifty years into
the future?

Where is the coziest
spot in our home?

What song would be
the perfect theme song
to your life?

How many days do you
think you could go
without showering?

How old would you
be if you didn't know how
old you are?

What planet in the solar
system would you like
to visit? Why?

If you could change
one thing that happened today,
what would it be? Why?

What kind of old person
do you want to be?

How would you
define "freedom"?

What do you think is the
most significant event in the
history of the human
race? Explain.

If you did something
wrong, would it make any
difference if you did so
unintentionally? Would you
still be morally
responsible? Explain.

When is failure a
success?

What's the most
spontaneous thing you've
ever done?

What does this quote
mean? "He is no fool who gives
what he cannot keep, to gain
what he cannot lose."
(Jim Elliot)

Which is more
important: what you say
or how you say it?
Explain your answer.

What is the one
food you could never
bring yourself to eat?

What is the sound
you love the most? Why?

What three famous people, living or dead, would you most like to have dinner with and why?

If you could have free, unlimited service for five years from an extremely good cook, chauffeur, housekeeper, masseuse, or personal secretary, which would you choose?

Describe the perfect holiday meal. Who are the guests? What food is served? How is the table decorated?

Of all the wars in history, in which one would you have wanted to serve and for what cause?

Which person would you like to see more often than you do now?

What can you do that makes people laugh?

If we built a dream house, and you could have one room to do anything you wanted, what would you do with it?

What do you think it would be like to be very poor?

What do you think it would be like to be very rich?

If you could ask the President one question, what would it be?

*If you were given \$1,000
to use to help other people,
how would you spend it?*

*If you could set
your allowance, how much
would it be?
Why that amount?*

*If you could pick a new
first name, what would it be?*

*Respond to this statement:
"Attitude is everything."*

*Everyone knows that my
worst bad habit is...*

*If you had to leave the earth
on a space ship and take four
friends with you, who
would you take?*

*Story Starters:
"I got in so much trouble
when I..." (tell the story)*

*Story Starters:
Our family's claim
to fame is...*

*Story Starters:
Honesty is the best policy
except for when ...*

*Story Starters:
Some day, I'm going to be
the first person in
the world to ...*

Story Starters:

*Today when I boarded
the airplane, I couldn't believe
I was sitting next to...*

Story Starters:

*When I started digging in the
sand at the beach I...*





