

# Nothing to Talk about?

Try questions in a jar to spur table talk. Let one member of the family pick a question each night for dinner time.

Tip: Make a family night activity by writing your own questions for the jar

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## **Table Talk Questions and Conversation Starters**

Tell about one thing you started today, and one thing you finished.

Is faster always better? Talk about some times it is and some times it isn't

What worries you most?

Of what are you proudest?

If you could do anything you want for a career, what would it be?

Give a sincere compliment to the person on your right.

What responsibilities do you think parents have to their children?

Which of your friends' parents do you respect most and why?

What does it mean to be patriotic?

What would you most like to change about yourself?

Read off a list of state capitals. Going around the table, each person must try to match the state with the capital.

Start a story. After a few sentences, pass to the next person to add to the story and so on around the table.

(With young Children) Tell us about the picture you drew today.

(With young children) Sing a song.

Discuss upcoming events of lifestyle changes that will affect your family, for example, a new job, a new grade, failing health of grandparents, etc,

What is one new thing you'd like to try?

Where is one place you'd like to go?

How can you help people in your work?

What is your favorite fragrance?

If you ran for a political office, what would it be? What would be your central campaign issue?

Tell about a time you broke a bone or were injured in some way.

What is a favorite song of yours?

Let a child who plays an instrument give a brief concert; one child per night.

Mom and Dad tell what they worried about most and what they liked most when they were children.

Ask grandparents to reminisce about colorful characters in their families.

What are some of your family traditions?

Play family trivia: where did Dad and Mom meet? How many second cousins do you have? What was the name of your first pet?

Talk about salaries. Give five or six examples of average earnings for various occupations. Do wages necessarily match the value or significance of the work one?

Share a memory that goes way, way back in your childhood.

What is the best thing that happened to you today? The worst thing?

What is the funniest thing that happened to you today?

"Over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house we go."

What landmarks do you remember that you pass on the way to your grandmother's house?

What are some objects that you particularly remember from a grandparent's house?

When you see the American flag, what do you think of?

Tell about your favorite birthday .

What is your favorite radio station and why?

Where is the most beautiful place you've ever been?

What was your favorite comic book super hero?

Tell about a favorite memory of a grandparent.

If you have ever ridden on a train, tell about your ride .

What is your favorite flower? Your favorite tree?

Tell about a prize or an award you won .

If you were to live in another country for a year, what would you miss the most?

What foods do you dislike?

Tell about a time when you were homesick

Tell about a favorite teacher.

Name a blessing our family has received this year?

What is the hardest part of a teacher's job?

If you could be like any older person, who would you be like and why?

What would you do with your time if you didn't have a television?

What would you like to ask the President of our country?

What would you like to ask the Prophet of our church?

What would you like to ask your great-grandparents?

Each person chooses a letter of the alphabet. How many animals can you name beginning with your letter?

What do you think would make Heavenly Father laugh?

What did Jesus like most when he was your age?

What do you like most about being your age?

If you could fly, where would you go?

What is one of the best gifts you have ever given?

What is a favorite memory you have with your parent or sibling?

If you could give \$1,000 away, to whom would you give it?

What is the nicest thing you've done recently for an elderly or disabled person?

What would you miss most if you lost the sense of smell?

If your pet could talk, what would it say?

What disability do you fear the most?

Tell about a figure in literature (or on television) that has impacted your life.

Plan a vacation with one boat, two weeks, four other people, and \$10,000.

If you could live in a different century, what century would it be?

For what purpose were you born?

If you were invisible, who would you like to observe?

If you could change your name, what name would you choose and why?

If you could be a professional in sports, what sport would you choose?

Plan a favorite dinner party. What food would you serve? Who would you invite? Where would you have the party?

If you could own a store, what kind would it be?

If you had four eyes, where would you put the other two?

If you had one minute to grab something of value as your house burned what would it be?

Have a family member cover both eyes. Let the rest of the family help that person eat. Talk about how it would be to be blind.

Put a cotton ball in each ear. Then cover the ears with a cool hat. Discuss what it would be like to be hearing impaired.

If you could be a bird, which one would you choose and why? An animal?

What does a fireman (or other occupation) have in his/her pocket?

What characteristics do you see in you that came from your father/mother?

What qualities would you like to emulate from your parents/relatives?

Who is your favorite relative and why?

Tell about a time you were frightened.

Discuss what elements are included in a home mortgage. How does life insurance work?

Discuss what one should do if involved in a car accident.

Discuss how to shut off the water to the house.

Devise a family plan for evacuation of you home in case of fire.

Role-play appropriate phone-answering and message-taking procedures.

Take a saying like "Start at the top and work down." Think of as many applications for it as you can.

Which holiday has the most meaning for you and why?

How do different types of music affect you?

What was your favorite childhood storybook? Why did you like it?

What is your favorite time of the day why?

What is your favorite season, why?

Where do you want to be in ten years?

If you could have a Scripture character come to your house, who would it be, why?

What scripture character is most like your parent/sibling?

Set an extra place at the table. Then ask the question "What would you ask Jesus if he came for dinner?"

What would you miss most if you were stranded in the mountains for two weeks?

Sticks and stones can break my bones ..... "What words have hurt you?"

If you were caught in a snowstorm, in the car, with a winter coat, what would you do to survive?

Why are churches usually built to be beautiful?

Suppose you were "home alone." In your piggy bank you have \$1.29 what would you do?

What part of your body is your favorite feature?

If you could buy any car, what would it be?

While walking on a beach, you find a newborn baby boy. He's having trouble breathing. What would you do?

Other than water, what do you think is the most common drink in the work?

What are you the most grateful for?

What kind act from someone made you thankful?

What season most reminds you of Heavenly Father?

What inherited quality about your personality makes you grateful?

What valuable lesson did you learn this week why?

What inspirational thought did you have recently, what did you do about it?

Name one blessing **YOU** have received this year.