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February 13, 2022

Dear Jacob's Well Family,

Tomorrow, the 14th of February, marks the day known as Valentine's Day. While history traces the beginning of Valentine's Day to the day that a priest named Father Valentinus was martyred for his faith, today companies focus on the 14th as a day to give cards, flowers, and chocolates as an expression of love. While there is little connection between the church calendar and Valentine's Day, "love" should be a large part of our DNA as Christians. In Mark 12:31-32, Jesus said:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

Our love for God and our neighbor can be evidenced through time together. To provide you with ideas for possible activities with others, our gift to you at this time of year is to offer this folder with several possibilities. More than a material gift, time together with others is a gift of love that can provide lasting memories.

All these ideas and activities have been put together by the Jacob's Well Care Team. Made up of Aly Fenske, Tauna Stibor, and Steve Hay, the Care Team is available to journey with individuals, couples, and families through the uncertainty and stress of life. We offer the opportunity to talk together in a safe and confidential manner, connect you to resources available through the church and in the community, and join with you in prayer to support you along way. If there is a need that we can help with, connect with us on a Sunday morning through the New Here Room in the Worship Center. You can also call the church office at 715-833-2050 and ask to speak to either Tauna or Steve or write to us at care@jacobsowellchurch.church.

-The Jacob's Well Care Team



STAY AT HOME

FAMILY DATE NIGHT

Challenge

30 days of fun await! Embark on an exciting challenge and enjoy these frugal activities for some instant family quality time without leaving the house!

Play a board game 1	Indoor/backyard camping 2	Silly dress up 3	Trivia night 4	Do a science experiment 5	Dance party 6
Make pizza 7	Book club night 8	Scavenger hunt 9	Learn magic tricks 10	Stargazing 11	Movie night 12
Build blanket forts 13	Play hide and seek 14	Karaoke night 15	Family history lesson 16	Play charades 17	Video game tournament 18
Puzzle night 19	Make s'mores 20	Look at old photos 21	Get crafty 22	Bake cookies 23	LEGO building contest 24
Build paper airplanes 25	Indoor picnic 26	Bubble blowing contest 27	Write a story 28	Pajama party 29	Make a movie 30



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Help kids learning what true, biblical love looks like with these age-appropriate activities.

Jesus loved people. He loved thieves, prostitutes, tax collectors, diseased people, poor people, children and His followers. He loved people who were devoted to Him and those who were different from Him. He even loved difficult and dangerous people.

And His love is the same today as it was 2,000 years ago.

Because we are loved by Him, we are called to love like Him. The extent to which we love one another validates and communicates our faith (John 13:34-35).

The New Testament contains 54 "one another" passages that teach us how to love. Parents can show their children how to love like Jesus by living out the following "one another" passages.

Forgive one another (Colossians 3:13). The ultimate example of forgiveness was displayed when Jesus hung on the Cross and cried out for those who were crucifying Him: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). We should forgive others even when they don't deserve it or ask for it. That demonstrates a love that keeps no record of wrongs (1 Corinthians 13:5).

Accept one another (Romans 15:7). To truly love someone, you must avoid trying to change the person for your own purposes. Accepting love is patient and kind, even when someone does not meet your expectations (1 Corinthians 13:4).

Honor one another (Romans 12:10). *Honor* means to esteem someone as highly valuable. It leads us to treat others as though they are personally autographed by God. When we value others above ourselves, we are emulating the attitude of Christ (Philippians 2:3-5).

But what if the person you are trying to love does not receive it? Loving others isn't always easy, but a Christlike love means forgiving, accepting and honoring even those who are different and difficult. Our ability to love others comes from God (1 John 4:7). We can only give love when our hearts are full of God's love. That is the formula. Any other attempt at loving one another simply does not work.

Do your kids know what true, biblical love looks like? The activities and discussions below are designed to help your kids understand and embrace God's command to "love one another."

— Ted Cunningham

Key Points

- God calls us to love others, just as He loves us.
- We show love to others by forgiving, accepting and honoring them.
- We can only love others when we are full of God's love.

Family Memory Verse

John 13:34

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Scripture Study

For a more in-depth look at love, read these Bible passages:

- Matthew 5:43-48
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-7
- Galatians 5:6
- Ephesians 5:1-2
- 1 John 3:11-19
- 1 John 4:7-19

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Preschool Activity

Draw one large heart and several smaller hearts on red construction paper. Help your child cut them out. Next, paste a picture of Jesus on the large heart. On the smaller hearts, paste photos of family and friends.

When completed, place the large heart facedown on a table. Help your child place all the small hearts facedown in a circle around the large heart.

Have your child turn over the large heart first. Explain that Jesus loves him so much that He puts people in his life — people who love him and whom he can love. When we love Jesus, it helps us to love others. All love comes from Jesus.

Before your child turns over each smaller heart, say, “Jesus loves you so much, He gave you ____ (as your child turns over the heart, shout the name of the person on the photo) to love.”

Continue until all the small hearts are turned over. Explain to your child that as much as all these people love him and he loves each person, Jesus loves all of us even more than that!

This activity can be repeated, especially when your child has had a bad day, to show Jesus loves him no matter what.

—Chris Gentile

School-age Activity

Help your child create a “Love Others Like Jesus Loves” bag. Using a plain paper bag and the Scripture Study verses listed on this page, have your child decorate the bag with words or pictures that show how Jesus wants us to love others. (For example, you might include the words *forgiveness* and *patience* or use pictures that depict kindness.) While working together on the bag, explain to your child that although it’s sometimes hard to forgive someone who has hurt our feelings, Jesus wants us to love others like He loves us.

Place the bag in an easily accessible location. When someone does something that makes your child feel like not loving him or her, have your child write that person’s name on a piece of paper. As he puts the name in the bag, prompt him to say, “I don’t feel like loving [name] today because _____. Help me love [name] like You do, Jesus.”

At the end of the week, have your child discard the papers in the bag without reading the names. Together, ask Jesus to forgive everyone whose names were written on the collected papers. Explain to your child that Jesus forgives us and wants us to forgive others. He chooses to not remember our sins. We can choose to not remember how others have hurt us. Love keeps no record of wrongs (1 Corinthians 13:5).

—Chris Gentile

Tween Activity

Use this devotion to spark a discussion about love:

Have your tweens grab their lunch boxes (or paper bags). Ask them to think about how they’d describe love to someone who’s unfamiliar with the concept. Then tell your kids to go through the house and put three things in their lunch boxes that represent what they’d say.

When they return, have your tweens take turns revealing their items and telling why they could be used to describe love. Then read aloud John 13:34-35. Ask:

- If Jesus were to put something in your lunch box to describe love, what do you think it would be?
Why?

Read Colossians 3:13, Romans 15:7 and 12:10. Ask your kids:

- These Scriptures encourage us to love by forgiving, accepting and honoring others. Do the items in your lunch box reflect these verses?
- Instead of a physical object, what might you *do* this week that could demonstrate forgiveness, acceptance and honor?
- When is it hard for you to follow Jesus' model of love? What can we do about that?

Wrap up with prayer, asking God to help you experience and share His love this week.

—Mike Nappa

Time With Your Teen

Today's teens show a keen interest in community involvement and worthy causes. Young adult leaders are challenging their generation to put their faith into action by showing compassion for the oppressed. Even the issue of bullying is rising to the top in conversations in schools and youth groups. What an opportunity we have as parents to use these topics to dialogue with our teens about faith expressed through loving actions.

In Matthew 22:39, Jesus exhorts His followers, "Love your neighbor as yourself." By helping our teens to love right where they live, we can direct their excitement about worthy causes and encourage their loving actions to flow from a genuine faith. The book of James reminds believers that faith is accompanied by actions (2:14-18).

Ask your teens what issues they feel passionate about. Allow them to dream big but also encourage them to begin with the areas or people that God has placed in their lives right now.

Do they feel compassion for the bullied? How does that translate into loving and valuing their family members? How might they pray for and reach out to the lonely neighbor no one seems to like? Who else is on their radar? How can they put love into action this week?

Even the smallest opportunities will deepen our teens' faith as they learn to trust God to help them love as Christ loved.

—Jan Kern

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Heather C. King – Room to Breathe

"He's solid rock under my feet, breathing room for my soul" Psalm 62:1-2 (MSG).



7 Prayers for Your Home and Family

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It's usually when I watch my children sleep.

Or when my tired infant son finally relaxes his on-the-go muscles and snuggles into me as I sway next to his crib.

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That's when I pray it. Like a whispered prayer, one you can't find all the words for, not when your heart is so full (or you are so sleep-deprived). But it's passionate and desperate:

Help me do this, Lord! Help me be the wife and mom You want me to be and that they need me to be.



I need some ways to cover our home and family in prayer so that I can commit this all to Him and seek His help every day.

So, here they are: **Seven Prayers for Your Home and Family.** These are the verses I pray and the requests I make. *What about you? Please comment with your own verses and prayers.*

◦ **Salvation**

◦ **Prayer:**

God, help us to keep this as our focus and never lose sight of the most important gift and responsibility you have given us—the salvation of our family. It's easy to get caught up in worldly standards of success and measures of our worth, especially as parents. But honor rolls, scholarships, awards, and accolades don't mean anything compared to salvation in Jesus Christ. Our greatest joy would be to see our children 'walking in the truth.' We pray that every member of our family will choose a personal, real, abiding, and powerful relationship with our Savior and that we will ask Him to reign over our lives both as a family and as individuals.

◦ **Scripture verses:**

*But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord** ([Joshua 24:15 NIV](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=joshua+24%3A15&version=NIV) (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=joshua+24%3A15&version=NIV>)).*

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved ([Romans 10:9-10 NIV](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+10%3A9-10&version=NIV) (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+10%3A9-10&version=NIV>)).

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth ([3 John 1:4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=3+john+1%3A4&version=NIV) (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=3+john+1%3A4&version=NIV>)).

◦ **Peace**

◦ **Prayer:**

Lord, may our homes be havens of peace. The world around us can be stressful and high-pressured. We may be surrounded by conflict, battles, and oppression outside this home, but we pray that inside these walls, You will bring peace. Help us to rest in You. Help us communicate with grace, offer love and support, and speak in love. Even in the stressful rush of the mornings as we head out the door to school, work, church and other activities, may we breathe deeply and choose peace, gentleness, and kindness with one another.

◦ **Scripture Verses:**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid (John 14:27 NIV) (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+14%3A27&version=NIV>).

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33 NIV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+16%3A33&version=NIV>)).

◦ A Godly Legacy

◦ Prayer:

No matter what our faith background up to this point, we pray for a heritage of faith, godliness, righteousness, salvation, and a passion for Your Word and for the Gospel. Help us to take the time to teach our children truth. We don't want to ever be so busy that we neglect to teach our children about You. Give us the right words to say and guide our discussions with our children. May our children choose to marry strong Christians and raise their own children in Your Word. Where we have gone astray, we pray for grace and new opportunities. For our adult children and our grandchildren, we ask that You will turn their hearts and minds to You even now.

◦ Scripture Verses:

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6 ESV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+22%3A6&version=ESV>)).

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise (Deuteronomy 6:6-7 ESV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=deuteronomy+6&version=ESV>)).

◦ Unity and Love

◦ Prayer:

Father, help us to remember that we are not just individuals out to achieve our own agendas. You have joined us together as a family; unite our hearts in love. Remind us that we are stronger together. Show us how to love each other sacrificially, graciously, and generously every day. May we serve each other, performing even the smallest acts of kindness for one another without complaint or score-keeping. We ask that our love for one another reflect Christ's sacrificial and unconditional love so that others will look at our home and our family, and see You. Let our love for one another draw others to know your love for them.

◦ Scripture Verses

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God (1 John 4:7 ESV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1john+4%3A7&version=ESV>)). By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:35 ESV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+13%3A35&version=ESV>)).

*Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:*

*10 If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.*

*But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.*

11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.

But how can one keep warm alone?

*12 Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.*

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NIV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ecclesiastes+4%3A9-12&version=NIV>)).

◦ Stewardship

◦ Prayer:

Father, You know our needs. We lay them at Your feet and ask for Your provision. We trust in You as our Provider. Lord, we ask for blessing, not so that we can stash it away, or indulge our own material desires. We don't need the biggest house or the flashiest car or the most expensive clothes. We ask for blessing so that we may bless others. May we be good stewards of what You have given so that we can give it away to support missions and to care for others in need. Please open our eyes to the needs of others around us and help us to give quickly and give generously.

◦ Scripture Verses:

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19 ESV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=philippians+4%3A19&version=ESV>))

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor (Proverbs 22:9 NIV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=proverbs+22%3A9&version=NIV>)).

◦ Purity

◦ Prayer:

God, it is so easy to fall into the pitfalls and traps of sin and temptation. We are surrounded by what is wrong. Help us choose what is right. Give us strength to be vigilant about protecting the influences inside of our home, and when possible, outside of it, as well. Holy Spirit, prompt our hearts when we need to walk away, when we need to stop listening, stop reading, stop watching.....and help us fill our minds and hearts only with what is good, true, righteous, and pure. May we be set apart for You, living in this world, but not of it.

- **Scripture Verses:**

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8 ESV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+5%3A8&version=ESV>)).

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers (Psalm 1:1-6 ESV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+1%3A1-6&version=ESV>)).

- **Laughter and Joy**

- **Prayer:**

Lord, we know that there will be hard times, but we pray that You will continually stir our hearts to joy. Let our home be a place of laughter. Open our eyes to see reasons to rejoice, stories to share, jokes to tell, and smiles to give one another. Make our home a place of rejoicing.

- **Scripture Verses:**

A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones (Proverbs 17:22 ESV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+17%3A22&version=ESV>)).

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them" (Psalm 125:2 ESV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+126%3A2&version=ESV>)).

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! (Psalm 32:11 ESV (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+32%3A11&version=ESV>)).

If you would like a printout of these prayers to place in Your Bible or journal or maybe on your fridge or bathroom mirror, you can [click here](https://heathercking.files.wordpress.com/2014/09/7-prayers-for-your-home-and-family1.docx) for the free printable!

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I really need help in my home Annie Anderson for my son not to never have another seizure again take it out of his head bring in mind and let him be happy as well and my grandkids and my daughter shanica home help us please we need it I cannot get ahead I don't know who tried it hurt me but please help me take it away in Jesus name
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Everytime I try to get ahead and want something in life seem that the devil try to tear me down I'm ill I'm diabetic and I don't never want to be diabetic and sick and pain all the time I cannot save a dollar a money for my bills and my house is Doug and feel so lonely and cold please please tell me what to do to make my home happy and want to live here
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I had a friend guy and he called me evil ugly and I'm not with him anymore and I have tried to help him as well now he's trying to tear me down I mind my body and soul I don't deserve it cuz I'm a good person I am so sad that he's trying to hurt me on the outside God blessing is good and I needed every day in my life

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10 Powerful Scriptures to Pray Over Your Family in 2022

January 5, 2022 by [Lauren Gaines](#) — [25 Comments](#)

We live in an uncertain world. Watch the news and it's easy to feel discouraged and afraid. Though I've learned through the years that as a mother and wife, I have the privilege of setting the atmosphere of our home. I can claim the promises in scripture and bring peace and comfort to my family.

I may not have all the answers to the world's problems, but I can fight against the darkness. Prayer is one of our greatest weapons.

When it comes to our families, one of the most powerful things we can do is pray for our family members!

In this post I share 10 Bible verses. Under each scripture, I include short daily prayers for your family. You can use the short prayers to pray by yourself or pray them together as a family.

Looking for more inspiration? Follow us on Instagram for daily encouragement in motherhood!

Feel free to pray however the Holy Spirit leads you or use my guided prayers. Pray by yourself or have your whole family pray together each morning.

Let's open the floodgates of Heaven and pray these daily for our families!

Also an added bonus, at the end of this post can you download a free printable with the 10 Bible verses.

*Side note: I'm also passionate about praying scripture over our children. [See my favorite verses to speak over my kids here.](#)



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10 Scriptures to Pray Over Your Family

A Prayer for Protection:

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17 NIV

Prayer: Thank you Lord that you are always watching over us. How amazing that you are rejoicing over us with singing right now. You are the mighty warrior who saves. May we

rest in your love this day.

A Prayer for Peace:

'May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.' Numbers 6:24-26 NLT

Prayer: Lord we thank you that you are the God of peace. We thank you that even when the earth is trembling we can be still and know you are God. Nothing can separate us from You. We praise you for your protection and favor. As we sit in your presence and focus our hearts and minds on you, give us your perfect peace. We trust that no matter what, you will guide us, protect us and be gracious toward us. Amen.

For Compassion:

And become useful and helpful and kind to one another, tenderhearted (compassionate, understanding, loving-hearted), forgiving one another [readily and freely], as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 AMPC

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father we thank you for your everlasting love. We thank you that because of your love we are able to love others. We pray that you would help us to be kind to one another, showing each other mercy, forgiveness and understanding. Help us to share the love you've so generously shared with us. As a family may we treat each other with compassion. Show us any areas where our hearts need to change or repent. May we so freely offer forgiveness to our family and friends as you so freely forgive us. Amen.

For Harmony:

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:13-14 NIV

Prayer: Lord our hearts desire is to live in harmony and unity with each other. Bind your love to our hearts so we can live in perfect unity together. Teach us to care for our family members and forgive others for their mistakes.

For Wisdom:

Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you. Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. Proverbs 4:6-7 NLT

Prayer: Dear God, we thank you that if we ask for wisdom you freely give it to us. We need your insight. For your ways are higher than our ways and your thoughts are higher than our thoughts. You see things we don't. Stir our family's hearts to earnestly chase after wisdom. Help our family to develop good judgment. Guide our steps and provide us with direction in all areas of our lives. Amen.

Family Prayers! Have the Whole Family Pray These Together

For Encouragement:

My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26 (NKJV)

Prayer: Lord we thank you for your steadfastness. You never fail. You are our strength in our time of need. God we give you our worries, burdens and cares this day. Thank you that we do not have to fear for you are always right beside us. Encourage our hearts today. Remind us of your lovingkindness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

For Perseverance:

I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. Psalms 16:8 NLT

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you that you are always right beside us. We praise you, for you never leave us and you hold our right hand. We pray in the good times and in the bad that your praise would continually be on our lips. Though the earth may shake and the rain may come, we will not be shaken because you are always with us. Remind each member of our family today in a special way that you are at our right hand.

For a Disciplined Life:

For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems sad and painful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness [right standing with God and a lifestyle and attitude that seeks conformity to God's will and purpose]. Hebrews 12:11 AMP

Prayer: God we thank you for the teachable moments. We pray as a family that we would seek wisdom and live a disciplined life. Guard our hearts from temptation and help us to live out your will and purposes for our lives.

For Confident Hope:

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the

Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NLT

Prayer: Lord, we rejoice today because you never change. You are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. We thank you that your Holy Spirit is filling our family right now with unspeakable joy and peace that passes all understanding. Not peace or joy from this world but from YOU. As we put our trust in you, overflow in us so we may be filled with confident hope.

For Kindness:

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29 NIV

Prayer: God help us to speak life to each other this day. May we be kind to our family and use words to build each other up. May we have a listening hear and respond to each other with compassionate hearts.

So there it is! 10 of my favorite scriptures to pray over your family.

You can download 4 x 6 scripture cards with each of the 10 scriptures [HERE](#).

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Thank you! I really needed this.

God bless you and your family.

With love

Eleonora

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Thank you so much for sharing this. I've been looking for an already compiled verses as I do pray the Scriptures. This is really helpful and encouraging. God bless you.

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I'm glad you found it helpful!

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Thanks for the guidance in prayer. May God bless you

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Very educational as well as inspirational

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Thank you very much. Very encouraging verses.
Be blessed.

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Thank you so much for this... God Bless you and your family...

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February 12, 2020 at 8:47 pm

“This little light of mine , I’m gonna let it shine”

That is what you are and thank you!

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March 29, 2020 at 12:24 am

Thanks. Reading from Nigeria in year 2020

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August 19, 2021 at 11:24 pm

Thank you for sharing these. May The Lord continue to BLESS and KEEP you and your family. Stay ENCOURAGED!💜

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THANK YOU FOR THE SCRIPT

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Thank you for taking the time to be an encouragement

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Thank you ,God bless you and your family as you've blessed me and my family now.

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This article is God-sent! I promise to read the scriptures and pray for my family each day I wake up. God bless you and your family!

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Thank you very much. may you forever be blessed

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I'm blessed to have come across this. Thank you and God bless you.

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Thank you. God bless you.

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Thankyou.I am going to use this words for my salvation.

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Very useful for the whole christian families. Thanks.

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Thank you, I really needed prayers for my family. God bless!

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Thank for the powerful , prayers that will bring healing into my family relationship. Glory be to God!

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Thank you so much, I will share this with family and friends. God bless humanity.

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June 13, 2021 at 1:24 pm

Thank you for these Beautiful prayers

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Amen, My prayer is that I will always stand in gap for my family and pray for them daily

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Very interesting with good spiritual encouraging words.
stay blessed.

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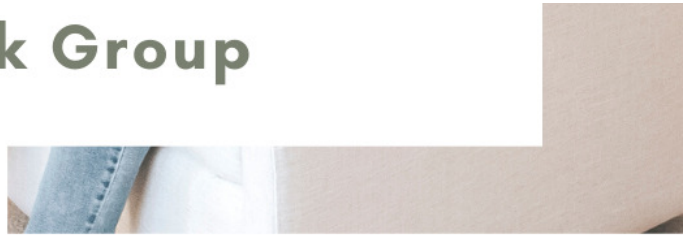
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100 Engaging Conversation Starters for Families

INTERESTING CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR FAMILIES

One of my favorite benefits of travel is getting to spend more quality time with my kids. It's amazing to watch them cope with new situations and learn about their preferences and dislikes.

Travel offers plenty of opportunities to get to know your kids on a deeper level. Long road trips, time

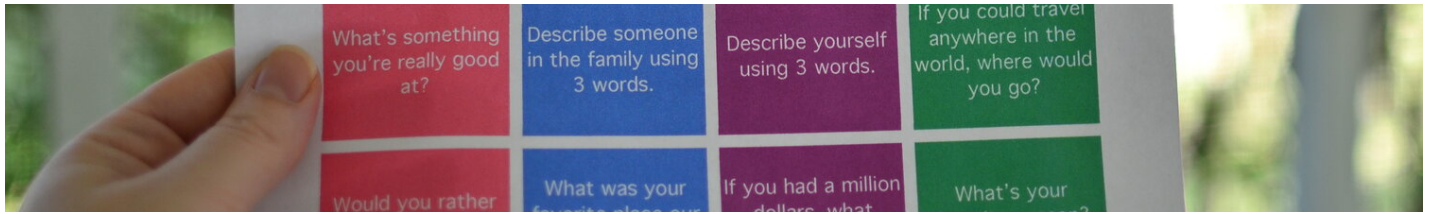
airport, or hanging out in a hotel room all offer the chance to initiate a conversation with your little ones.

Sometimes, though, I find myself excited to sit and chat with my kids, but I can't think of a single thing to talk to them about. Or I ask them a million questions and all I get are 1-word answers.

That's why I decided to compile this list of conversation starters for families! You can use these while sitting around the dinner table, on a long road trip, or anywhere you find yourself waiting or bored. Pull these out on a rainy day or bring them along on your next vacation!

I think after asking some of these questions you'll be surprised at what you discover about your kids! Now let's get talking!





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1. What was the best part of your day?
2. What was the worst part of your day?
3. What makes a good friend?
4. If you could have any superpower in the world, what would it be and why?
5. What's something you're really good at?
6. Describe someone in the family using 3 words.
7. Describe yourself using 3 words.
8. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?
9. Would you rather go to the beach or Disney World?
10. What was your favorite place our family has traveled to?
11. If you had a million dollars, what would you spend it on?
12. What's your favorite season? Why?
13. If you could be any animal what would you be and why?
14. If you could only keep one of your toys, what would it be?

16. What are you scared of?
17. What's one thing you were scared to do, but you did it anyway?
18. If you got a new pet, what would it be and what would you name it?
19. What's your favorite meal - breakfast, lunch, or dinner?
20. What's your favorite candy?
21. If a genie gave you 3 wishes what would they be?
22. What do you want to be when you grow up?
23. What (or who) makes you laugh?
24. What makes you feel sad?
25. If you were the parent, what rules would you make?
26. What do you think is the best thing about being a kid?
27. What do you think will be the best part about being a grown-up?
28. If you could have a playdate or meal with anyone in the world, who would it be?
29. What is your least favorite chore to do?
30. If you could be part of a movie or tv show, which one would it be?
31. What is your favorite holiday and why?

of your life, what would you choose?

33. If you had to choose a new name, what would it be?

34. Who is the funniest person in our family and why?

35. Who is the smartest person in our family and why?

36. Who is the best cook in the family?

37. What new family tradition would you like to start?

38. Do you prefer cookies or cake? Why?

39. Do you prefer candy or ice cream? Why?

40. What instrument would you like to learn?

41. If you were king or queen of the world for a day, what would you do?

42. Give someone else a compliment.

43. Tell us about a time you were very proud of yourself.

44. Would you rather be really cold or really hot?

45. What is your favorite thing to do or play outside?

46. What is your favorite thing to do or play inside?

47. Who is someone you admire? (Or who is your hero?) Why?

48. On a hot summer day, would you rather have a

49. On a cold winter day, would you rather have hot chocolate or warm bread?
50. What's your favorite thing to do in summer?
51. What's your favorite thing to do in winter?
52. If you could only watch one movie over and over for the rest of your life, what would it be?
53. What's your favorite cereal?
54. If you could be any age right now, what age would you be? Why?
55. Describe your perfect day. What would you eat? What would you do? Who would be there?
56. Do you prefer being around other people or being by yourself?
57. If you could decorate your own room, what would it look like?
58. If someone gave you \$100, what would you buy?
59. Do you think lying is ever ok? If so, when?
60. If food started raining from the sky, what food would you want it to be?
61. Would you rather go on the slide or the swings?
62. If you had to make someone smile, what would you do?
63. What language would you like to learn?

would it be?

65. Would you rather slither like a snake for a day or hop like a frog for a day?
66. How do you show someone you love them?
67. Who is your best friend and why?
68. If you could drive any kind of car what would it be?
69. What do you love about school?
70. What do you NOT like about school?
71. How do you calm down when you're angry?
72. Would you rather be able to fly or breathe underwater?
73. Tell us your favorite joke.
74. What helps you fall asleep?
75. Would you rather be a cowboy/cowgirl or a pirate?
76. What's your favorite sport to play?
77. Where do you like to go out to eat?
78. What do you do when you're bored?
79. Where is your favorite place to go shopping?
80. What is your favorite ice cream flavor?
81. If you could change one thing about school what would it be?
82. Tell us about a time you made a big mistake.

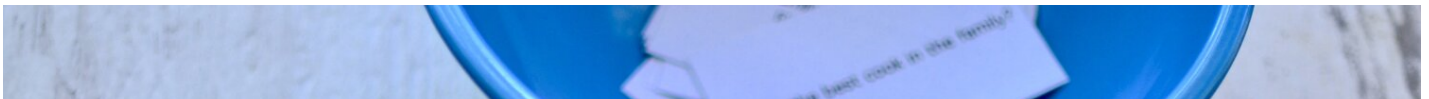
84. What's your favorite thing to drink?
85. Would you rather fly or drive to your next vacation?
86. What is something that's really confusing?
87. What is your favorite thing to wear?
88. If you opened a store, what would you sell?
89. What's the best gift you ever got?
90. Would you rather go camping or stay in a hotel? Why?
91. What makes you feel better when you're sad?
92. What's something special you would like to do with Mom or Dad?
93. Would you rather be tall as a giant or small as a mouse? Why?
94. What's something special or different about our family?
95. What is your favorite family tradition that we have?
96. If you invented a new holiday, what would it be?
97. Would you rather travel by boat or train? Why?
98. If you could have a robot do something for you, what would it do?
99. If your pet could talk, what would it say?

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I hope you enjoy the conversations these engaging prompts inspire! My kids have been loving doing a few at dinner every night, and I know I'll be bringing these along on our next road trip to keep things interesting.

I've created a colorful printable listing all 100 conversation starters AND black and white cards you can cut out and put in a bowl. Simply take turns grabbing cards out of the bowl and reading them aloud to the rest of the group!





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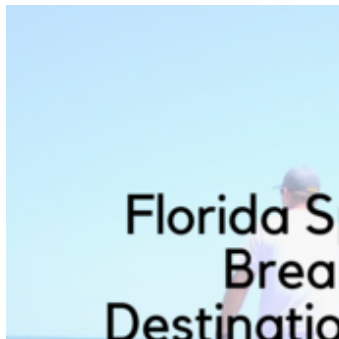


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