



Let's Talk About...

## Family Conversation Starters

Keep this somewhere handy and ask a question around the dinner table, while you're driving, first thing in the morning or just before bed - any time your family is together. The scripture for each one is on the back of the card, so be sure to check it out as you begin. We're praying these will inspire great God Talks, giving you the opportunity to...

Bring it Home.

### Love is . . .

How does God show He loves you? After reading this verse, what's a new way you can show God's love to others?

Try it this week.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)



## In the beginning God created . . .

Why do you think God created so many animals?

Why do you think God created you?

### Try this!

Draw a picture of one of your favorite things God created. Share it.

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:24-27 (NIV)



## Ask and it will be given . . .

When didn't you get something you asked God for? Read the verse on the back. Why would Jesus say this if we don't always get what we ask for?

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)

## Give thanks!

What are you thankful for?

What does it mean to be thankful in all circumstances?

### Try this!

Give everyone a Kleenex or balloon and see who can keep it in the air the longest by tapping it up once for each thing they're thankful for.

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)



## Encourage one another . . .

What does it mean to encourage each other?

Why is it important?

### Try this!

Write the name of each family member on a strip of paper. Let everyone pick one. Think of an act of encouragement to do for him or her this week.

See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first.

Hebrews 3:12-14 (NIV)

## You are the light of the world ...

How are you the light of Jesus to others?

How can your light shine brighter?

### Try this!

Experiment with a flashlight or candle in a dark room. See what happens when you hold it up high, place it under different things, shine it on your face, etc.

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

## Be strong and courageous . . .

When do you need courage?

How can God help you to be courageous?

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)



## The Lord abounds in love . . .

How much does God love you?

What would be different in your life if you really believe this?

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8-12 (NIV)



## God with us. . .

How do you know when God is with you?

### Try this!

Every time you think of God today, jot it down, share it, or add a sticker to a "God is with us" paper on the refrigerator door.

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" - which means, "God with us."

Matthew 1:23 (NIV)

"... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:20 (NIV)



## God wants you to worship Him.

How do you worship God?

Using words to describe God, take time to worship Him by adding to the statement, "You are \_\_\_\_\_." (the creator, my friend, a good listener, etc.) When everyone has helped fill in the blank, say, Amen.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.  
Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.  
Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100 (NIV)

## Bless your children . . . (for parents only)

What do you really desire for your children?

Bless your children by praying over them and asking God for specific things in their lives.

All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them, giving each the blessing appropriate to him.

Genesis 49:28 (NIV)



If you've enjoyed the God Talks inspired by these cards, check the web and watch for more opportunities to...

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