

Family Talk & Skill Builder Game #2

Roll 2 dice twice to locate a table cell. First roll is vertical and second roll is horizontal. 12 = you choose a number. Or use a deck of cards where you ignore face cards and the ace is 11. Take turns clockwise. If that cell item has already been dialogued, use one from any cell touching the cell of the numbers. Then, complete the sentence. When a person answers, others ask curious questions to get to know that family member better, but never to criticize. The best questions are "Why?" and "What do you mean?" Then, going around the circle, everyone answers that same question. This process repeats with the next person clockwise (or you can go by age, from the youngest to oldest). For the very best results, read the free article "Successful Family Dialogue" at www.ChurchesReachOut.com.

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	Getting to Know You	Favorites	Memories	Wishes & Dreams	Thinking Together	Best Ways	Choices	Survival & Success	Positive Attitude	Problem Solving	
	Finish the statement	What is your favorite & why?	Tell a memory of . . .	Answer	What do you think about . . . ?	What is the best way to . . . ?	What should happen if you . . . ?	Answer	Name 3 good things about . . .	How would you handle this?	
2	After a hectic day I like to . . .	movie	your favorite riding toy before grade school	On what collection would you like to spend \$10,000?	making friends	fly a kite	don't get your homework done	How do you keep from getting sunburned?	being nice to almost everyone	you lose something very special to you and must find it	2
3	Three things I really don't like to eat are . . .	sports figure	something wonderful or something too hot	If you could, what would you teach the world and how?	your grandparents	make new friends	argue too much or must have the last word	What do you need to keep in mind to swim safely?	confusing things	think of a very special present for your mom or dad	3
4	My favorite cartoon character is . . .	thing having to do with the wind	a computer; watching TV; or something silly	What kind of train vacation would you like to take?	growing up	shop for school supplies	don't get ready for school on time	When do you have to protect your head?	tomorrow	you do something stupid or wrong in front of your friends	4
5	I most need a compliment from . . .	dream (while sleeping)	a good movie or television program	What is your dream celebration?	your toys	remember to do your chores	don't clean your room	How do you treat a bee sting? Remove a tick?	a clean car interior	somebody tells you a secret you don't want to keep or know	5
6	My favorite animal is . . .	refreshing thing to your sight	a toy that makes you think; a rainy day; or crawling	What do you think you can never have too much of?	other people's toys	be friendly to our neighbors	don't pick up your stuff around the house	How is it necessary to be careful around the stove?	bad experiences	friends want you to do something illegal	6
7	This funny thing happened in my family . . .	outdoor sport to do	a relative who taught you something	What extinct animal would you bring back? Why?	taking care of your teeth	keep the living room picked up	can't accept a "No" answer	What do you need to do to prevent frostbite?	being hungry	your friend's mom is driving too fast and scaring you	7
8	The chore I like best is . . .	heroic act	a boat or train ride; Fall; or an advertisement	Describe a fantastic vacation in a big city.	eating candy	travel in the car and not be too loud	don't brush your teeth	How to tell someone you don't want to be a close friend?	wrong car directions	you start something with your friends and then don't want to	8
9	I like to give . . .	mammal	a not-so-fun game; or something you lost	What wild ride would you take if you would survive?	how to decide what to buy	discover more things to enjoy	get in too late	How are you going to take care of your eyes?	giving gifts	you don't like one of your best friend's friends	9
10	What I like best about the forest is . . .	theatrical play or blue thing	writing something; or a school playground	What kind of a business would you like to own?	traveling in a car	treat guests of the family	drive the car recklessly	How do you safely use a power saw?	different ways of seeing things	you borrow something and break it so bad it cannot be fixed	10
11	Sometimes I am scared of . . .	kind of music	a friend who did something really funny; or Winter	If stranded, how would you spend a year on an island?	your cousins	go to sleep when you're not sleepy	don't honor other people's privacy	How can you best take care of your clothes/things?	hand-me-down and used clothes	you need/want to bring your grades or work performance up	11

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WHAT IS DIALOGUE?

There is probably no finer communication skill than dialogue. Therefore, if your family does it, you will build better and better relationships through understanding and caring.

DIALOGUE IS MERELY ASKING QUESTIONS OF EACH OTHER OUT OF CURIOSITY IN ORDER TO BETTER KNOW AND UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER

Dialogue usually means just asking the questions "Why?" and "What do you mean?" over and over again. When you ask a person a "why" question, it usually opens up a bit of new information about him or her. Another "why" question yields a little more. When a "why" question seems hard to think of, then any simple, friendly, non-judgmental question motivated by curiosity is fine.

Such dialogue helps you find out what others really think and feel. It also helps others find out what you really think and feel.

Understanding and accepting other people – deeper and deeper through dialogue – knowing how others think and feel, as well as what they really mean by what they say, creates much better relationships.

GUIDELINES FOR DIALOGUE

For good dialogue, it is important to follow these ground rules:

1. Answer what is true for you. Other family members will try to remember what you said so they can better understand you and treat you better.
2. Listen in order to understand the person talking, not to change him or her.
3. No arguing, criticizing or objecting. People hate to be criticized over things they say. They know what they think and feel, and they consider it absurd and insensitive if others think they know these things better.
4. Ask lots of questions (usually "Why?" or "What do you mean?") to clarify what is being communicated. Other clarifying questions can be: "What?" "What for?" "How?" "When?" "How come?" "Where?" "In what way?" "Can you explain?" "Please tell me more."
5. Refrain from giving advice or breaking in with your own contribution.
6. Let people be themselves, even if they give an answer that you do not agree with or like. Instead of objecting or offering criticism, ask the other persons "Why" questions. This will help you clarify what they are saying, what they think and feel about things, and who they are. People will appreciate your efforts to understand them.
7. Avoid conflict. There are no right or wrong answers. There is just what a person says. He or she will appreciate you for asking about and learning from his or her own words.
8. Solve problems only after much dialogue has produced deeper understanding. Dialogue may expose some differences that might have to be solved. Make a note of those you think might need later discussion and problem-solving. During dialogue, do not bring up problems.