

99 Conversation Starters for Children

Cut the conversation topics from below into narrow strips. Fill a jam jar with the slips and place on the dinner table. When conversation lags (or while the parent/caregiver is dishing out the food) draw a question to ask each other.

What was the best part of your day? What was the worst?

What is your favorite game to play?

If you could be any type of sandwich what would you be and why?

What is your favorite thing to do outside?

If you could be anywhere right now where would you be? What would you be doing?

What is your favorite animal? Why?

What is the silliest face that you can make?

What is your favorite song? Why do you like it?

What was the best dream you ever had?

Where do you like to go in the car?

If we were at the grocery store, what would you like to buy?

How many animal noises can you make?

If you could have any "super-hero" power, what would you have?

How high can you count?

If you could make three wishes, what would they be?

Who do you love? Why?

What is your favorite smell? What is the yuckiest thing you've ever smelled?

What is your favorite weather? Why do you like that weather?

When did you last say, "ut-oh"? What happened?

What is the messiest part of the house?

When was the last time you were silly? What did you do?

If you could be any animal which one would you be?

What do you want to be when you grow up?

What would you do with a million dollars?

What do you like most about Easter?

What is something that you don't like?

What is your favorite movie or TV show?

If you could only keep one toy which one would you keep?

If you could only keep one book which one would you keep?

What is your favorite time of day? Why?

What is the best gift that you ever received? What made it special?

What do you like the most about Christmas?

What is your favorite outfit? What do you like about it?

What is your favorite story?

Have you ever lost something you really liked? What did you do?

What is the coolest thing you have ever seen?

How many hugs do you need every day?

If money were no object, what would you want to buy?

What sound annoys you the most?

What is the longest walk you have ever taken?

What do you like the most about Halloween?

Name someone that you trust. Why?

What is your favorite color?

What is your favorite ice cream?

What would you like to learn to do?

What should we do more of as a family?

What color is the happiest color? What makes it happy?

What do you enjoy doing with your family?

What was the best party you ever went to? What made it fun?

What is one thing that you forget to do regularly?

What would you do if you had no TV?

When you are afraid what do you do?

What is your favorite food?

If you could re-name yourself, what would you like to be called? Why?

What is your favorite color?

Tell us a memory of something you did with us?

What is the first thing that you remember about Daddy (or a sibling)?

What would you like me to play with you?

How can we tell that you are happy? What do you do?

What is one thing that you do not want to sell, for any price?

What is the best surprise you ever had?

What was your favorite thing of the summer?

What was your favorite thing of the winter?

What do you do when people stare at you?

Do you pretend to be someone? Who? Why?

Describe something silly that happened to someone else.

What is the best thing that ever happened to you?

What is your favorite candy?

What is the funniest thing that ever happened to you?

Tell us of a time that you were silly.

What is the prettiest thing you have ever seen?

If you joined the circus, who would you like to be? What act would you do?

What would you like to collect?

What are you thinking about right now?

Who is the funniest person you know?

What makes something or someone silly?

What is your favorite room in the house? Why?

What is the best gift you have ever given someone? What made it special?

What is your favorite place in the house?

What do you like the most about Thanksgiving?

If you could be any vegetable, what would you be?

What was the nicest thing someone has ever done for you?

What is your favorite restaurant? What is your favorite thing to order?

What do you do if you see someone treated unfairly?

What is something special you want to do for a friend?

What makes you smile?

What is your favorite thing to do with your Mom (or a sibling)?

What is the nicest thing someone has done for you?

If you could have any animal for a pet which one would you choose?

How would you describe yourself to someone who hasn't met you?

What is your favorite chore to do in the house? Which is your least favorite chore?

If you could go on a trip somewhere, where would you go?

What superhero would you want to be and why?

If you could play any instrument, which would you choose and why?

What was the most disgusting thing you have ever eaten?

What is the most beautiful man-made object?

What is the best thing that happened to you last year?

What is your favorite snack?

Who is the richest person in the world? How do you know they are rich?



These conversation starters are great for help during dinner to keep the conversation going with your children. You can gift this craft of "Family Preserves" to another family as well.

What you'll need to make your own Jar of Talking Fun:

Printed Conversation Starters

Shaving Cream paint (if you want to be colorful)

Scissors

Pencils, knitting needles, etc.

A clean jam jar

1. Begin with a list of questions or conversation starters.
2. Paint the backs of the pages with shaving cream finger paint and then cut into long strips.
3. You might want to swirl or fold the strips into springs. Anything to make them fun to open.

Painting with Shaving Cream: Frugal Crafting



This is one of a preschooler's favorite ways to paint. Basically, it is what it sounds like; shaving cream mixed with paint. We usually suggest mixing the shaving cream with tempera paint as it has the smoothest consistency and is the cheapest! Have three tubs of primary colored paint: red, blue and yellow which you can mix to get a whole host of colors. When mixed with the cream, the colors look more neon and bright.

Perks of using shaving cream paint:

- You can adapt the consistency making your paint good for either precision painting with a brush or finger painting
- It makes the paint go farther and hence you get more bang for your buck
- Nearly impossible to spill! You can hold the container of paint upside-down and the shaving cream will cause it to stick to the sides of the container. You won't spill a drop!
- Diluting the paint makes the colors more brilliant, almost neon, AND they are easier to clean/wipe up
- Your kids and artwork will smell good!

