

# FAITH TALK 2 “What does your faith say about. . . ?”

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2	differences in others	stress	loveliness	solving problems	ambition and goals	pain	questions	fairness	repentance	joy	2
3	empathy	frustration	evil	happiness	eternity	creation	mission and ministry	discipling new Christians	selfishness	right and wrong	3
4	emotion	materialism	choices	peer pressure	assurance of salvation	peace	neighbors	sports figures	gossip	learning	4
5	honesty	making mistakes	behavior	heaven	health	desires	punishment	confidence	renewal and revival	growing older	5
6	praise	motivation	stewardship	gentleness	the Bible	keeping up with the “Joneses”	the supernatural	beauty	temptation	trust	6
7	encouraging others regularly	thankfulness	compassion	salvation	counseling or counsel	judgment	imagination	justice	intelligence	grace	7
8	perseverance	indifference	idolatry	slander	Satan	loneliness	character and reputation	Easter	hell	envy	8
9	resurrection	patience	work and vocation	immortality	procrastination	sacrifice	conflict	blessing	greatness	criticism	9
10	suffering, trials, and trouble	wisdom	generosity	truth	goodness	status	sovereignty	violence	courage	ritual	10
11	faithfulness	persecution	Christmas	movie actors & actresses	hunger	demons	self-control	opinions	superstition	creativity	11

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## TO USE LIKE A GAME

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. Selecting table cells rotates.

If the 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).

## TO USE AS A GUIDE, NOT AS A GAME

Begin in the top left-hand corner and move from item to item as if reading a book. All people answer that selection before moving on to the next.

## ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

It is suggested the answers be given in age order, beginning with the youngest. That way everyone will have something to offer. But, if only adults are sharing, starting selections rotates clockwise.

## READ TO PARTICIPANTS

DIALOGUE is a form of communication that can help people get to know and appreciate one another. Dialogue is not for problem-solving, arguing or criticism. It is for understanding people.

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 and what they think and feel about things. Other people will appreciate your efforts to understand them.

Try to be careful regarding your answers. You don’t need anyone’s permission to answer what is true for you. But, what you say will be remembered by the others.

Avoid conflict over these answers. When you do not agree, you will have your turn to give what you think and feel. Arguing is not good.

## WHAT IS DIALOGUE?

There is probably no finer communication skill than dialogue. Therefore, if you and your family learn to do it, you will become more able than most to build warm, loving relationships.

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

The aim of dialogue is to get to know and better understand one another. In fact, it would be a great goal to become fascinated with the most important people in your life — especially with their uniqueness and difference from yourself.

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.

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 they think and feel, as well as what they really mean by what is said, creates much better relationships.

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