Dream

High School, College, and "What am I going to be when I grow up?"

- 1. What job did you want as a kid? What seems easy for you that is hard for others?
- 2. If you could meet any historical figure, whom would you choose and why?
- What's one thing you hope to see God do in your generation?¹
- 4. Do you think God has a plan for your life? Why or why not?
- 5. Who are three wise mentors or teachers in your life? How have they influenced you?²
- 6. What strengths or talents has God given you? How would you like to use these to serve those you care for greatly?
- 7. What are three specific areas in your life you want to grow in?
- 8. What books have influenced you the most? What impact have they had on your life?
- 9. Has God ever given you specific direction through a Scripture verse? What did that look like?
- 10. Was there ever a time in your life when you responded to direction from God or made a specific commitment to Him? If not, was there a time you strongly considered it? What happened?

^{1 &}quot;Axis The Culture Translator: Weekly Pop Culture Updates." Axis. Axis, Accessed April 24, 2023. https://axis.org/resource-category/culture-translator/.

² Questions 5–24: Adapted from Life Purpose Planning by Dewey Novotny, Mandy Pallock, Gina Robertson. "Life Purpose Planning Online Course." Life Purpose Planning. Accessed April 24, 2023. https://www. lifepurposeplanning.org/online-course/.

- 11. What does your name mean? What about your middle name and last name?
- 12. What is your biggest desire for your relationship with Jesus?
- 13. What are three things you have enjoyed a lot in your life so far? Why?
- 14. What are three things in your life you have not enjoyed at all? Why not? Would it be possible to add or change something in each of those things to transform it from drudgery to delight? How would those specific changes make it delightful?
- 15. What is a past activity you would have liked to participate in but didn't? Why do you wish you could have participated?
- 16. What is a future activity you genuinely hope to do? Why?
- 17. Do you have a lifelong dream or aspiration? If so, what difference would it make? If not, do you want one? Do you think it is important or not?
- 18. What makes an activity or event boring for you? What characteristics ensure something is not boring at all?
- 19. What is your favorite field of study?
- 20. What past activity has come the closest to being everything you desire to do in the future?
- 21. What activity would devastate you if you were not able to participate in it? Why?
- 22. What age group of people are you drawn to serve?
- 23. Do you feel a burden for a particular group of people?(e.g. Families, fathers, mothers, boys, girls, orphans, the elderly, singles, couples, single parents, widows.)

- 24. What life conditions best define the people you desire to assist?
- 25. If you went to an event where you didn't know anyone, who would you spend time with? Who would seek you out? What might you discuss and do?

Dream

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Vocation and ministry questions

- 1. What could you give a 40-minute presentation on with absolutely no preparation?
- 2. If you could be truly excellent at only one thing, what would it be? How will you know when you have succeeded? What does "done" look like?
- 3. What's one thing you can do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?³
- 4. If God were to do a miracle in your life, what would you ask Him for?⁴
- 5. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?⁵
- 6. What do you see as the greatest challenge in your life?
- 7. What is the most significant thing happening in your life right now?
- 8. What needs in the world do you tend to notice first? What particular burden has God given you?
- 9. What's one desire you long for God to fulfill this year?⁶
- 10. What is one request you hope God DOESN'T ask of you?
- 11. You have six months and unlimited resources to train to do something big. What would you do?
- 12. What do you want written on your grave?

³ Whitney, Donald. "10 Questions to Ask at the Start of a New Year." Crossway. December 30, 2016.

https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-questions-to-ask-at-the-start-of-a-new-year/.

⁴ Freeman, Kirk, conversation with the author.

⁵ Whitney, Donald. "10 Questions to Ask at the Start of a New Year." Crossway. December 30, 2016. https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-questions-to-ask-at-the-start-of-a-new-year/. Accessed May 3, 2023.

⁶ Questions 9–14: Gillson, Rowan.

- 13. What character trait do you wish you possessed?
- 14. What is one character trait you are particularly proud of?
- 15. Who is one of your heroes? Why?
- 16. How have you seen God work in your life this past year?
- 17. If you owned a business, what would it look like?
- 18. What does your ideal lifestyle look like?
- 19. If every job paid one dollar, what would you do?⁷
- 20. When do you feel like your actions are the most sincere?
- 21. Do you think it's better to meet / worship with / work with people in person or online? Why?
- 22. How would you answer: "At the end of my life, I would like to look back and be able to say, 'This is what God accomplished through me!'"?⁸
- 23. What is the most critical need you see in the lives of those around you? What wrong do you desire to make right?
- 24. Do you know what your spiritual gift is? If so, what is it?9
- 25. Hey! I love to pray for people. How may I pray for you?

⁷ Question 19: Dewey Novotny, conversation with the author, May 1, 2023.

⁸ Questions 22–23: Adapted from Life Purpose Planning by Dewey Novotny, Mandy Pallock, Gina Robertson. "Life Purpose Planning Online Course." Life Purpose Planning. Accessed April 24, 2023.

⁹ There are many spiritual gifts tools online. Here's one: https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/women-leadership-spiritual-gifts-growth-service.

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I Do?

Questions for your intentional relationships

- 1. What's the best thing that happened to you today?
- 2. If you had a warning label, what would yours say?
- What is your preferred medium of communication? (Do you prefer writing, texting or messaging, speaking, or something else?)
- 4. Who is your best friend?
- 5. What attributes make a good friend?
- 6. What would I have found nine-year-old you doing?
- 7. What are you reading these days? What are your top five books?
- 8. What were your favorite books / TV shows / movies as a kid?
- 9. Do you memorize Scripture? What are you memorizing? What method is most effective for you?
- 10. What form of gratitude is most meaningful to you?
- 11. Do you have any phobias? What is your greatest fear?
- 12. How do you feel about waiting in long lines? What would you be willing to wait for?
- 13. Do you have a passport? Where have you used it? Which was your most memorable place? When does it expire? How do you feel about your passport photo?
- 14. What culture did you grow up in? How was it unique? What role does it play in your life now?

- 15. How do you tend to express love? (Things you do, things you say, how you spend time, physical touch, gifts you buy, etc.?)
- 16. What has been the hardest death of a loved one for you?
- 17. What makes you confident and sure of who you are?
- 18. If your life had background music, what songs would be on your playlist?
- 19. What is one of the best gifts you've ever received?
- 20. What is a cherished family tradition from your childhood?
- 21. What is the weirdest or funniest tradition your family has?
- 22. What does family time look like to you?
- 23. Are there any rituals you do every day?
- 24. Do you think that you are competitive? In what areas?
- 25. Thirty years from now, what do you want to be doing? What do you think is the first step to make that possible?

I Do?

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Questions to help you date your mate

- 1. How are you, really?
- 2. What's been interesting to you recently? 10
- 3. What's one thing you have always wanted to try but never have? Why haven't you done it yet? What would it look like to put it on the calendar?
- 4. What could we do that would improve our time together?
- 5. What's the most romantic thing I've ever done for you?
- 6. What's the most romantic thing you've ever done?
- 7. How have you changed since high school? In what ways have you stayed the same?
- 8. Have you ever worked diligently at something that didn't pay off in the end? What did you learn?
- 9. What is your biggest regret?
- 10. What is your best memory? (Couch this or put it in a category if needed. What is one of your best memories? What is your best memory of us together / of Christmas / with our family?)
- 11. What has been the highlight of your year so far?
- 12. If you could trade places with anyone for one week, who would it be?
- 13. What's the funniest thing your friends posted or said this week?

¹⁰ Questions 2–3: "Captivate Digital Toolbox." Science of People. Accessed April 24, 2023. https://www.scienceofpeople.com/toolbox/.

- 14. What, if anything, is too serious to be joked about?
- 15. Of all the people in your family, whose death would you find most difficult? Why?
- 16. What's one thing you feel like you're getting better at?
- 17. Can you tell me of a time you did something you felt proud of?
- 18. What's one thing you think you don't need as much help with anymore?
- 19. When was the last time you were really scared? How did it turn out?¹¹
- 20. When was the last time you felt truly rested and at peace?
- 21. When was a time you experienced God on a personal level?
- 22. When do you feel most connected to God?
- 23. If you were to pray for a miracle this year, what would it be?
- 24. What's the most important thing we could do to improve our relationship in the next six months?
- 25. Do you prefer to be thanked in a written note or with spoken words? In public or private? What kind of gratitude leaves you jumping for joy?

¹¹ Questions 19–20: "Axis The Culture Translator: Weekly Pop Culture Updates." Axis. Axis, Accessed April 24, 2023. https://axis.org/resource-category/culture-translator/.

I Do!

What Did We Just Do?!

Parenting

Parent-to-Parent Questions

- 1. What does a perfect day look like to you?
- 2. What does the perfect gift look like to you? / What are some of the best gifts you've ever been given?
- 3. What are three things we seem to have in common?
- 4. What makes us a good team? What's one thing we could do to be an even better one?
- 5. What's the single most important thing we could do to improve the quality of our family life in the next year?¹²
- 6. What's the most important need you feel burdened by right now? What else?
- 7. What area of your life most needs simplifying? What's one way you could simplify that area? What about me?
- 8. If those who know you best gave you one piece of advice, what would they say? Would they be right? What would you do about it?
- 9. What question have you always wanted to ask me? What do you wish you knew about me?¹³ What do you wish I knew about you?
- 10. What do you feel the most grateful for right now?
- 11. How do you feel about the way your parents raised you? How did they do a good job, and how did they mess up?
- 12. How do you parent differently than your parents? Why?

¹² Questions 1–5: Whitney, Donald. "10 Questions to Ask at the Start of a New Year." Crossway. December 30, 2016. https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-questions-to-ask-at-the-start-of-a-newyear/. Accessed May 3, 2023.

^{13 &}quot;Captivate Digital Toolbox." Science of People. Accessed April 24, 2023. https://www.scienceofpeople.com/toolbox/.

- 13. What are three words you would use to describe yourself as a teenager?
- 14. Do you find it difficult to compromise on things? What makes it easier or possible?
- 15. If you knew that in one year you would die suddenly, would you change anything about the way you are living now? Why?¹⁴
- 16. What feeling is the most difficult for you to control? What feeling is the hardest to express?
- 17. What has been the hardest part of [the past week / month / year]? What one step can I take to better support you?
- 18. Describe your life right now. What is going well? What is not going so well? How do you feel about where you are?¹⁵
- 19. What is the most fun thing about parenting right now? Can you name three?
- 20. Did you ever hide things from your parents?
- 21. What do you think is your biggest talent? What does it look like as you share it with our family?
- 22. What is your favorite memory of your parents or grandparents?
- 23. Was there a time you struggled with your faith? What were the circumstances? What were some of the reasons you came back to faith in Christ (if applicable)?
- 24. In what ways is our church and church community supporting our parenting journey? What would be the

¹⁴ Aron, Arthur et al., "The Experimental Generation of Interpersonal Closeness: A Procedure and Some Preliminary Findings." Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Inc. 23, no. 4 (1995): 363-377. Accessed May 3, 2023. https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0146167297234003.

¹⁵ McKinney, Denise E. "Real Life Field Guide: 20 Face-to-face Conversations to Help You Learn, Listen and Forge Ahead." Real Life Field Guide. Evangelical Covenant Church Department of Christian Formation, 2010. http://www.denisemckinney.com/uploads/1/1/7/5/11756918/real-life-field-guide.pdf.

most helpful and most impactful? Is God calling us to be a part of that growth? How might we be a part of that ministry for others?

25. As we think about how we have parented thus far, what have we done that has contributed to our children's faith? What do we wish we had differently? What might we do going forward?¹⁶

¹⁶ Adapted from Sticky Faith: Powell, Kara E., and Chap Clark. 2011. Sticky Faith. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. Page 29.

Parent-to-Kid Questions

- Do you remember your dreams? Do you dream in color or black and white? Can you fly in your dreams? If so, how do you do it? What's one of the most interesting dreams you've ever had?
- 2. If you made the rules, what time would you wake up in the morning or go to bed at night?
- 3. Where is your favorite place you have traveled to, and why?
- 4. If you could have one superpower, what would you choose? What superpower would you *not* want to have?
- 5. Do you prefer to [play / learn / do projects] alone or on a team? Why do you think you prefer [playing / learning / working] the way you do? Do you think there's value in doing the opposite of what you do?
- 6. Do you like your first name? Have you ever wished you had a different name? What name would it be?¹⁷ Do you know what your name means?
- 7. What is something about you that you think I might not know?
- 8. Imagine you are at the [beach / mountains / favorite place / friend's house]. What is the first thing you do?
- 9. What are three factors that make you feel [brave / loved / thankful / afraid / like helping others / happy]?
- 10. What are three items on your bucket list for [this summer / over Christmas break / this year / this month]?
- 11. Which holiday do you like most, and why? Which holiday do you wish never existed?
- 12. If a friend asked you to keep a secret, what would you do? What else?

¹⁷ Webb, Michael, 1000 Questions for Couples: Things You Should Know About Your Mate (2003), Kindle.

- 13. What is your favorite [chat / gaming / educational] app? What is the coolest app that I don't have on my phone?
- 14. What do you do when you are bored?
- 15. What did you do in [math class / at recess / in science]? What was your favorite part? What was your least favorite part? (Prompting a specific time-and-place question often elicits a more detailed response than "What did you do today?")
- 16. What are two of your favorite [family / holiday / birthday / friend / traveling] memories?
- 17. What do you think about most during the day?
- 18. What do you think you should learn more of at [school / church]? What do you think you should learn less of at [school / church]? What should we talk more about here at home? What do you think we should talk about less?
- 19. Who is the funniest person you know? What makes them so hilarious?
- 20. What do you wish you knew more about me? What do you wish I knew about you?
- 21. How do you feel about church? Do you feel like you belong? What would it look like to "belong"?
- 22. What do you think makes a good friend? What do you think makes a good role model?
- 23. What is your earliest memory? / What are some of the first things you remember?
- 24. What's something you most want to learn how to do?
- 25. What would you do with [\$100 / \$1,000 / \$1,000,000]? Then what?

Parent-to-Teen Questions

- What music group are you listening to these days? Can you play me one of their best songs?
- 2. What are three words you would use to describe yourself?
- 3. Do you have any pet peeves? What are they?
- 4. What look are you going for when you get dressed?¹⁸
- 5. What would you say are the most important moments in your life so far?
- 6. What is the best and worst food at [school / home / on a road trip]?
- 7. What are the best and worst parts about having a [phone / smartphone / tablet / gaming device / computer]?
- 8. What's the best thing you've seen on [YouTube / social media app] lately? Can you show me?
- 9. What do you think will be great about being an adult? What will be not so great?
- 10. What's something adults don't get about teenagers?
- 11. How's your love life?
- 12. What are some of the hardest things you have ever done? What else?
- 13. What would your ultimate vacation look like?
- 14. When you are feeling emotional pain, how do you deal with it? How can I help?
- 15. When are some times you felt fully seen and understood?
- 16. What are some good things about playing video or phone games? Negatives? How can you tell when you've played too much?

^{18 &}quot;Can We Talk? 100 Questions Your Teen Might Actually Answer." Family Zone. Family Zone Cyber Safety, Accessed April 24, 2023. https://www.familyzone.com/anz/families/blog/100-questions-forteens.

- 17. Do you think going to church is a good thing? Why or why not? Do you think virtual/online church is a good thing? Why or why not?
- 18. Do you think it's better to [meet / interact with] people online or in person? Why? What might change that for you?
- 19. If you got to design the perfect day for the person sitting[on your right / across from you], what would you choose?
- 20. What's one aspect you want to change about your life next year?
- 21. Who is someone you look up to, and why?
- 22. Would you say you have a coping mechanism? What would you say that looks like? When does a coping mechanism become an escape from reality in an unhealthy way? When is it healthy?
- 23. What's one thing you wish more [adults / people / kids / teenagers] understood about [social media / being your age / life today / school / our family]?
- 24. Can God be trusted? If so, how have you seen that in your own life? How have you seen it in someone else's life?
- 25. If you were feeling [emotion], how would you want people to reach out to or interact with you?

What Did We Just Do?!

Dream Together

Mentoring toward life purpose

Mentor-to-Mentee Questions

- What's something you liked a lot about life when you were younger? What's something you like a lot about life right now?
- 2. What's your secret skill most people don't know about?
- 3. What's something recently that inspired you?
- 4. What's a lesson you learned that's been important to you?
- 5. What daily routines do you have? How does that differ from your ideal routine?
- 6. What do you think about setting goals or resolutions? When has it supported you? When has it not served you well?
- 7. Does thinking about positive things always bring positive results? Why or why not?
- 8. Do you think God has a plan for your life? Why or why not?
- 9. What habits move you in a life-changing direction? What habits put you in a dark or frustrated place?¹⁹
- 10. In what ways have you seen someone else have a positive impact on the world? Do you believe you can have a positive impact on the world? How?
- 11. How do you spend your time? How do you wish you spent your time?
- 12. What would you do if you had an afternoon of free time?
- 13. What are three ways you'd enjoy effectively serving a group of people you care about?

¹⁹ Questions 9–10: "Axis The Culture Translator: Weekly Pop Culture Updates." Axis. Axis, Accessed April 24, 2023. https://axis.org/resource-category/culture-translator/.

- 14. What is the group size in which you thrive? (One-on-one, medium, large?)
- 15. What depth and kind of friendships would you say you typically develop?
- 16. Would you rather be a team member or a team leader? Would you rather serve behind the scenes or be a one-person show? How do you respond to competitive situations?
- 17. What's one hard experience you've had that you think could be used to help someone else who's struggling?
- 18. In what circumstances do you sense you are operating within your spiritual giftings?
- 19. Has there ever been a time that you felt smack dab in the center of God's will? What did it look like and feel like?
- 20. What is the one goal you would prioritize over everything else in the next five years? In the next year? In the next month? In the next week?
- 21. Is there anything you know God has been telling you to do that you haven't yet done? What is it?
- 22. If you could change one aspect of the world, what would it be? Conversely, what is something you deeply appreciate about the world?
- 23. Is there anything keeping you from being included in what God is doing right now?
- 24. What do you wish you could plan for or change about the future?
- 25. What is something you've always wanted to learn? What is something you wish you knew how to do?

Mentee-to-Mentor Questions

- Can you share the story of how you got into your field of work or ministry?
- 2. What would you say is your secret to success?
- 3. How do you react when you encounter challenges in your life?
- 4. What's something awesome that happened because you were bored?²⁰
- 5. What is one interaction or project you wish you could go back and redo?
- 6. What is the most effective goal or resolution you ever set?
- 7. Have you ever tried to stop [a specific habit]? What do you think is hard about quitting [specific habit]? Why (or why not) is it hard?
- 8. Why do you do what you do? How do you do what you do?
- 9. Who are the three mentors who mentored you in your ministry / vocation? How did they do it? What did you learn? How did they affect who you are today?
- 10. What would you have wanted to know at my age that you know now? How did you discover it?
- 11. What's one goal you would accomplish [in your job / for your family / for the kingdom of heaven] if you knew you could not fail?
- 12. Time and money aside, what would you rather be doing?²¹
- 13. How do you manage your time successfully?
- 14. What made the difference for you?

^{20 &}quot;Axis The Culture Translator: Weekly Pop Culture Updates." Axis. Axis, Accessed April 24, 2023. https://axis.org/resource-category/culture-translator/.

²¹ Questions 12–25: Myers, Jeff, conversation with the author, January 31, 2014. I'm not kidding—send your kids to Summit and read Dr. Myer's books!

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- 15. What are some lessons you've learned along the way?
- 16. If you had it to do over again, what would you do differently?
- 17. Who are key leaders in your field I should pay attention to?
- 18. Who are some of the people who personally influenced you toward success?
- 19. What are the three books you have found most helpful in your field?
- 20. Are there any magazines or publications I need to read regularly?
- 21. What are your goals at the present?
- 22. Have you ever coached anyone else to be successful in this field?
- 23. What are some ways I can learn more about this field?
- 24. What are some of the obstacles along the way that I'll need to be aware of?
- 25. What questions have I not asked that I should be asking?

Dream Together

Friendship

Adult relationships, friendship, & the mid-life crisis

- 1. What's the best part of your life right now? What's the worst part? What's the weirdest part?
- 2. What were you like as a [12-year-old]?
- 3. How would you feel if you and all your peers were forced off social media? How would you connect and stay in touch with friends and family?
- 4. How many hours a week do you spend in person with friends? Do you wish that number were higher or lower? Why?
- 5. What is some of the best advice you've ever received?
- 6. What is your favorite type of food? Is there anything you don't eat?
- 7. What personal passion project are you working on right now?²²
- 8. If you had to pick any character in a book, movie, or TV show who is most similar to you, who would you choose? Why?
- 9. If you were to listen to one band or artist for the rest of your life, who would you choose?
- 10. What's the funniest or best social media challenge you've seen lately?
- 11. What's one Bible verse that has meant a lot to you lately? Why?

²² Questions 7–8: "Captivate Digital Toolbox." Science of People. Accessed April 24, 2023. https://www.scienceofpeople.com/toolbox/.

- 12. Do you have any sports you like to watch? Why do you think you like to watch them? Are there any you don't like?
- 13. Is there someone who inspires you? Why do you think they're inspiring?
- 14. Tell me about your tattoo...is there a story there?
- 15. What fitness routine are you following right now? What has been most effective for you?
- 16. Can you think of a moment when you had a lot of doubt but stepped out in faith anyway?²³What did that look like? What did you learn about [yourself / God / faith / your community]?
- 17. How do you pray? What are the most common obstacles you've seen to developing a rich prayer life? What would it take to remove those obstacles?
- 18. Where do you feel most seen, known, and loved? When you're in that situation or with that person, do you feel content? Whether you answered yes or no, why do you think that is?
- 19. What type of person do you feel like you can share anything with? In what ways did that friendship deepen and develop?
- 20. What do you think is the common link between all (or at least most) of your friends?
- 21. How do you tend to respond to failure? How do you tend to respond to success?
- 22. Have you ever been in a physical fight? What happened?

^{23 &}quot;Axis The Culture Translator: Weekly Pop Culture Updates." Axis. Axis, Accessed April 24, 2023. https://axis.org/resource-category/culture-translator/.

- 23. What is one thing you think is unfair?
- 24. What kinds of vacations do you like to take? Planning any travel in the near future?
- 25. What is something about me you want to know? What is something about you wish I knew?

Friendship

Pass the Baton

Grandparents & the next generation

Questions for Grandparents / an older generation

- 1. What could you see through your windows growing up?²⁴
- 2. What did you hear when you woke up in the morning?
- 3. What were your family dinners like?
- 4. What were you taught about expressing emotion?
- 5. Can you tell me about your worst first date?
- 6. Where did you buy or get your clothes?
- 7. What was your worst fashion disaster?
- 8. What's the most embarrassing thing you did [at school / when you were a kid]?
- 9. What do you wish people knew about you?
- 10. What is one thing you wish more [adults / people / kids / teenagers] understood?
- 11. What's one thing you're grateful for? How do you express gratitude? What expressions of gratitude are most meaningful to you?
- 12. When you were growing up, what was your dream job? What elements of that dream job intrigued you? What parts did you live out? Are you living out aspects of your dream job now?
- 13. When you were a kid, what did you think your life would look like now?
- 14. What charitable causes do you support?

²⁴ Questions 1–7: Keating, Elizabeth. 2022. The Essential Questions: Interview Your Family to Uncover Stories and Bridge Generations. New York: TarcherPerigee.

- 15. Over your lifetime, where have you seen things get better? What most pressing need do you see that still exists?
- 16. What are two of the biggest [technological / social / lifestyle / family] changes you've seen in your lifetime?
- 17. If you had to pick one—skydiving, bungee jumping, or scuba diving—which would you do?
- 18. Which of your family members are you the most like?
- 19. What was one of your favorite books as a kid? As a teen? As an adult?
- 20. What's something recently that inspired you?
- 21. How have your beliefs changed as you've gotten older?
- 22. Where did you grow up? What do you like about where you grew up?
- 23. Where have you always wanted to travel to but haven't yet?
- 24. Who would play you in a movie?
- 25. What's the most important thing I should know about you?

Questions for Grandkids / a younger generation

- 1. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
- 2. If your [pet / favorite toy] could talk, what do you think it would say?
- 3. What do you usually play [at recess / on Saturday / with your sibling / with your friend]?
- 4. Do you like breakfast or dinner foods better?
- 5. Who is your best friend? What do you like about that person?
- 6. How do you let someone know if you feeling [happy / sad / tired / frustrated / lonely]?
- 7. What are three words you would use to describe yourself?
- 8. What is a school rule you wish you could get rid of?
- 9. What do you think is the best part of being a grown-up? What do you think is the best thing about being a kid?
- 10. What's the worst part of being a kid? What do you think would be the worst part of being a grown-up?
- 11. Would you rather be rich or famous? Why?
- 12. Would you rather be an artist or an athlete? Why?
- 13. What's something you wish you could change about the world?
- 14. If you could only have five toys / apps, which ones would you choose?
- 15. If you were a parent, what are three rules you would have?
- 16. Who is the nicest person you know?
- 17. What's something most people don't know about you?
- 18. What is your favorite activity to do with your friends?What is your favorite activity to do when you're with your

family? What is your favorite activity to do when you're alone?

- 19. Can you tell me a joke?
- 20. What do you imagine your life will be like in [5 / 10 / 20] years?
- 21. Who is one of your favorite people on [YouTube / social media / the Internet]? Can you show me one of your favorite clips?
- 22. Who is someone you'd really like to meet? What would your ideal meetup look like?
- 23. What is one of your favorite family memories?
- 24. What do you know how to do that you could teach others?
- 25. What's the most important thing I should know about you?

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- 1. What is something hilarious that happened to you?
- 2. If you had to join witness protection with a new name and a new life, what would you choose as ideal-yet-believable?
- 3. What is the coolest thing you saw someone do today?
- 4. What makes you happy?
- 5. If you opened a [store], what would you sell?
- 6. What is the craziest thing you've ever eaten?
- 7. What is one commitment, rule, or expectation you never want to break?
- 8. What is something you'd like to learn how to do?
- 9. What was the hardest thing you have done today so far? What was the easiest?
- 10. Reading anything these days? Watching anything?
- 11. Have you ever met someone famous? What was that like?
- 12. What's something you're looking forward to?
- 13. What car would you not drive, even if someone gave it to you? What car would you love to own?
- 14. What do you think will be most different about living in the future?
- 15. What are some of the best gifts you've ever received?
- 16. What's one of the best "coincidences" that's ever happened to you?

- 17. What is one of the best birthdays you've ever had? What did it look like?
- 18. What's something that made you laugh hard recently?
- 19. What's your favorite age so far?
- 20. Would you be willing to describe one of the hardest times in your life? What difference did that time make?
- 21. What's a mistake you wish you could go back and fix? What difference would it make? What did you learn from that experience?
- 22. What is one of your favorite songs right now?
- 23. If you could switch places with anyone for the day, who would you pick? Why? What would you do?
- 24. What's the best advice you've ever been given? What difference did it make?
- 25. What one question would you ask Jesus?

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