# **Family First Conversation Starters**



### What is your favorite thing about your family?

Action Tip: Discuss your family values – write them down and put them in a place where you can be reminded daily.

### If you could do anything to make the world better, what would you do?

Action Tip: Scale it down to something you can do for one person and then do it.

### What is one thing you do really well? What things do each of your family members do well?

Action Tip: Talk about different ways you can use these traits.

### What's one way a family member helped you this week?

Action Tip: Think about how being helpful feels good and brainstorm ways you can help others next week. Then do it

### What makes someone a good friend?

Action Tip: Make a list of 3 people you can rely on when you need help.

### What's your favorite memory? Why?

Action Tip: Parents, share a story about your past, like how you met each other or a good memory you share with your children.

### What movie always makes you happy?

Action Tip: Find another feel-good movie to watch together in the next few days.

### Who has been the best influence on your life?

Action Tip: Write down things they taught you

#### What do you like most about spending time with family

Action Tip: Video chat with family members who live far away so you can spend quality time with them, too.

### What's one thing about you that is special or unique?

Action Tip: Have each family member share something special about you.

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### Name two good things and one bad thing that happened today.

Action Tip: Talk about how important it is to know what goes on in each others' lives, including the things that bother us.

### What's one thing you have always wanted to do?

Action Tip: Talk about setting step-by-step goals to make your dream come true.

### If we had a family fun day, what activity would you choose?

Action Tip: Plan a family fun day that gets everyone involved.

### What is something you'd like to do better?

Action Tip: Focus on a setting a SMART goal together—one that's specific, measureable, achieveable, relevant, and time based.

### What's the bravest (or scariest) thing you have ever done?

Action Tip: Celebrate success and tell your loved ones how you will always support them.

## What do you wish we did more of as a family?

Action Tip: Schedule time for your family to do it, whatever it is.

# What's your favorite movie? Why?

Action Tip: Watch it as a family and enjoy being together.

# What's one thing you think you do differently from other people?

Action Tip: Talk about why doing things differently is good for everyone.

## What's the funniest or most embarrassing story your family or friends tell about you?

Action Tip: Talk about laughing together and the importance of not saying things that will hurt feelings.

# How is your life different from what you imagine it should be?

Action Tip: Pick one thing and talk about how it makes you unique or how it has positively influenced your life.

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### In what ways have you moved around today?

Action Tip: Take the stairs in your home, work, or school this week.

### What's your favorite vegetable?

Action Tip: Pick a recipe featuring this veggie and make it together in the next few days.

### What's your favorite fruit?

Action Tip: Add this fruit to the family grocery list and enjoy it for dessert this week.

### Who is your best friend and what healthy choices do you make together?

Action Tip: Ask a friend to be your Blue Zones<sup>™</sup> buddy and talk about ways you can be healthier together.

### Do you think you are like people your age or people who are older or younger than you?

Action Tip: List some good things about these different ages.

### If you didn't know your age, how old would you think you are?

Action Tip: Take the Vitality Compass® and find out if your body is younger or older than its age.

# What makes you excited to start a new day?

Action Tip: Take a picture that makes you happy and place it by your bed so you wake up thinking about it each day.

# What's your favorite way to relax?

Action Tip: Plan time to relax with your family in the next few days.

## Do you have any mantras or sayings?

Action Tip: Before meals, start saying "Hara hachi bu," which reminds you to stop eating when you're 80% full.

### What do you believe in?

Action Tip: Talk about the importance of believing in something. It's what makes life worth living.