

Christmas Conversation Starters

Use these questions to talk to your family and friends about Christmas and what it means. You may work these into normal conversation, but often they work best as part of a Christmas party or formal celebration with your family. You might ask a couple questions to the group and ask everyone to answer one or both of them. For young children, be sure check out the “Questions for Kids” section.

Choose questions from these lists that are appropriate for your group. Use your judgment.

To make this even more fun, go to the “Jar of Conversation” section on pages 2 and 3 of this pdf. Cut out the questions and put them into a jar (or two, if you have young children). Pass around the jar and have everyone answer the question they pick.

Questions for kids

(or the young at heart)

- 1 What is your favorite Christmas song? Why?
- 2 Why do we celebrate Christmas?
- 3 What part of the Christmas story do you like the most?
- 4 What gift would you have taken to the baby Jesus?
- 5 What do you like most about Christmas?
- 6 What is your favorite ornament on the tree, and why?
- 7 What do you think your Christmas tree would say if it could talk?
- 8 What are you looking forward to most about Christmas?
- 9 What happened at Christmas?
- 10 If you could have visited the Christ child just as the three wise men did, what would you have brought as a gift?

Questions for adults

- 1 Describe a favorite Christmas from your past.
- 2 What was Christmas like as you were growing up?
- 3 What was your favorite Christmas tradition as a child?
- 4 What is your favorite Christmas tradition now?
- 5 Of all the figures around the nativity scene, whom do you most identify with?
- 6 What does Christmas mean to you?
- 7 What is the best gift you've ever given?
- 8 What is the best gift you've ever received?
- 9 What food do you most look forward to at Christmas?
- 10 What is one thing that gives you hope for the new year?
- 11 What is one word to describe the last year?
- 12 What are three things that brought you joy in the last year?
- 13 What is one thing that you can do in the next year to bring peace to your home?
- 14 What part of the Christmas story most intrigues you?
- 15 Would you prefer a white Christmas or a Christmas at a warm-weather resort? Why?
- 16 Have you ever had a terrible Christmas? If so, what happened?
- 17 Many movies, song, and stories refer to something called the “Christmas spirit.” What does this mean?
- 18 If you could spend Christmas anywhere in the world, where would you most want to be?

Jar of Conversation

Cut out each question below and put them into a jar (or two, if you have young children). Pass around the jar and instruct everyone to answer the question they pick. The gold colored cards are the children's questions and the red cards are for the adults. You can also write your own questions on the blank cards.

Cut out the jar label to the right and tape it to the jar.



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