

Camp Fire “Family” Stories



Stories are the fabric that weaves together the past, present, and future; linking one generation to another. Family stories are essential for effective families. Sharing stories can be mutually beneficial for the one telling the stories and the one receiving them; and can result in improving and strengthening family relationships.

Set a regular time, such as around the nightly dinner table, or maybe weekly family dinners to share family stories. Use the questions below as prompts for conversation starters. Have fun with it!

The Early Years

- » Where were you born? Tell me about your childhood home.
- » Did you have any nicknames while you were growing up? How did you get your nickname?
- » What were some of your earliest memories?
- » Do you remember any stories your parents would tell you about your childhood?
- » What is a memory that stands out from your early years?
- » What do you remember about your grandparents?
- » What was a favorite family vacation and why?
- » Tell a story about your favorite adventure with your sibling(s)
- » What was your favorite family tradition around the holidays?

Growing Up

- » What did you enjoy about school? What was the toughest part of school?
- » What were you taught then that they do not teach now? Or vice versa
- » Who was your favorite teacher and why?
- » Did you get good grades?
- » Who was your best friend? Do you still keep in touch? What did you do for fun?
- » What do you remember about your first childhood crush? And how old were you?
- » Who was your first celebrity crush?
- » What were your hobbies and interests? How did you spend your free time?
- » What were your favorite childhood games?
- » Share a fun story about your parents.
- » Three words to describe your childhood.
- » What was the hardest thing about being a kid? What do you miss most?
- » Were there any fads during your youth that you remember vividly? What fad or trend do you hope comes back?
- » Tell me about your pets
- » What was your favorite kind of music? Favorite singer/band?
- » What was the first thing you bought with your own money?
- » What is the most trouble that you got into at school?
- » How old were you when you got your driver's license? Did you pass on the first try? Did you fail any portion of the test?

Love & Marriage

- » What was your funniest or most awkward dating experience?
- » How did you handle your first heartbreak? What were you feeling? What made you feel better?
- » What was your first date with your spouse?
- » Describe your wedding proposal? How did you pick the ring?
- » What is your favorite memory from your wedding? Who was your best man/maid of honor?
- » Where did you go on your honeymoon? What do you remember most about that trip?
- » Tell us about your first “home”.
- » What is something you fondly remember as newlyweds.

Starting a Family

- » Did you plan your family or was it a surprise?
- » How did life change when you became a parent?
- » What names were you considering for your children? How did you decide on their name?
- » What traditions did you create within your own family?
- » What are some fun memories you have of each of your children from when they were babies/toddlers?
- » Do you remember anything that your child(ren) did when they were small that amazed you?
- » What were some things your kids did that drove you crazy?
- » What was the craziest thing your kids ever did?
- » Were you a strict or lenient parent? Would your spouse agree?

Grandchildren

- » How did life change when you became a grandparent?
- » What do you do differently with your grandchildren than you did with your children? Why?
- » What funny stories do you have to share about your grandchild(ren)?

Work & Career

- » What was your first job?
- » Tell us about the most interesting place you worked or job you had.
- » Who was the worst boss you ever had?
- » What were some of the careers you wanted to be “when you grew up”?
- » If you could have ANY job, what would you do?

Passions, Pastimes and Other

- » What talents do you have? What is your greatest talent or ability?
- » What is your proudest moment?
- » What is on your bucket list that would surprise everyone?
- » If you could be a famous person for a week, who would you be and why?
- » If you could have any superpower, which would you choose?
- » If you could pick your own name, what would it be?
- » What is the craziest thing you have ever eaten?
- » What is your most embarrassing moment?
- » If you could solve any mystery in the world, what would it be?
- » Where was/is your most favorite place you lived?
- » What would you consider the most important inventions made during your lifetime?
- » Are you usually early or late?
- » What is the best way to start your day?
- » What is the strangest thing you have ever come across?
- » Among your family and friends, what are you most famous for?
- » What are some personal rules, you never break?
- » What is the #1 most played song on your music player?
- » What story does your family always tell about you?
- » Do you have any irrational fears?
- » What is your greatest pet peeve?
- » What do you recall about the first time you were away from home?

