FUN QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS

Asking questions that engage the imagination can be a great way to get fun and meaningful conversations started with your kids. Try some of these the next time you need to get everyone talking!

1. If you could spend your time doing only one activity, what would that activity be? Why?
2. If you could learn how to do something new next week, what would you choose? Why?
3. If you could do something to cheer up a group of kids less fortunate than you, what would you do? Why?
4. If you could pick something in your bedroom that would last forever, what would you choose? Why?
5. If you could send an e-mail or text message to anyone in the world knowing that they would in fact open it and read it, to whom would you send it? What would you say? Why?
6. If you could have a super power, what would you choose to have? Why? What super-hero name would you choose?
7. If you could have any animal in the world and shrink it down to a mouse-sized pet, what animal would you choose? Why? What name would you give it? Why?
8. Where do you think would be the most exciting place in the United States to live? To visit? How about in the world?
9. Can you think of three things we could do to make meals together more interesting and fun for everyone in the family?
10. What is the silliest thing you’ve ever done? What would you like to do to top it? Why?
11. What is your favorite sport or game? If you could change one rule, what would you change? Why?
12. If you could design the perfect play space for yourself, what would it have in it? Where would it be?
13. What is the strangest sound you can make? What do you think it sounds the most like in nature?
14. What part about being a kid do you think you will miss the most when you grow up? Why? What do you think I/we (the adults) miss the most? Why did you choose that?
15. What is your favorite word right now? What do you like about it? When have you used it recently?
16. If you could swap places with anyone in the world for just a day, who would you choose? Why?
17. What do you think would be the best thing about being a dog or cat? Why? What would be the worst thing? Why?
18. If you could double the time you spend on just one subject in school, what would you choose? Why? What subject would you give up in order to do that? Why?
19. What is the most awesome thing you’ve ever seen? What made it so awesome?
20. What is one thing that you think you will definitely be great at when you are an adult? Why?

One of the greatest things we can do for our kids is show them that we are listening to them. One way that you can do that is by reflecting their responses back to them to show you were paying attention. Follow-up questions also demonstrate that you are listening while inviting them to keep sharing with you and building on their ideas and opinions.

The answers to these questions will probably change from day to day, so try out questions multiple times to see how your kids’ opinions and ideas change.