

# Loud Tables Ideas to Help our Households Relate to God

"Not only is your household made to have spiritual conversations together, but Jesus came to help us do just that. When we seek to grow and nurture our household's relationships with each other, we are simply joining Jesus in what he is working toward within us everyday."

Don Everts, [The Spiritually Vibrant Home](#)

**Vibrant Households**

- APPLY SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES
- EXTEND HOSPITALITY
- ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

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## Week 4: Loud Tables

# Spiritually Vibrant Homes

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## A few ideas...

### GETTING STARTED

- Ask a question about a recent shared experience.
- Share a story from your day.
- Use shared drive time to process your day with each other.
- Use premade conversation starters during a mealtime.
- Begin giving deeper words of encouragement. Perhaps use Bible verses.

### DIGGING DEEPER

- Have a weekly check-in when everyone in the household can share what happened last week and what's coming up next week.
- Begin sharing meals after church. Take time to talk about the message you heard during the service.
- Begin evening meals by sharing a high and low for the day.
- Ask everyone on a regular basis how you can pray for them.
- Use deeper conversation starters on Christian topics.

## Conversation Starters

### GETTING STARTED

- Share a joke.
- Share a riddle.
- Describe your dream house.
- If you owned a business, what would you sell? Why?
- Describe a dream vacation for your family.
- What Bible character would you be? Why?
- What's the best thing about being you?
- What do you like learning about?
- What food would you choose to eat forever?
- What three words would you use to describe your home?
- Share a favorite family tradition and why you like it.

### DIVING DEEPER

- Share a favorite Bible story. Why is it your favorite?
- Talk about your best friend.
- Why are they special to you?
- What is one way that is tough for you to obey God? Why?
- How did you see God today?
- What do you like about yourself? What do you wish was different? How do you think God feels about you?
- If you could eat with Jesus, where would you eat? What would you ask Him?
- Everyone say something they are thankful for. Pray and thank God for them.
- What or who can you think of that needs prayer? Pray for that/them.
- What have you been praying for? Is there anything we can pray for you?

## WAYS JESUS TALKED ABOUT HIS FATHER

Jesus talked about His Father in many ways. Here are a few that you can use to talk about The Lord in your household.

### QUESTIONS

Ask questions that encourage thinking. Avoid "yes" and "no" questions. Instead ask questions like who, what, when, how and why. Or ask how a part of the Bible relates to our lives. Make sure to allow time for others to critically think.

### IMAGES AND WORD PICTURES

Jesus used common words and pictures such as "I am the the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11a). Use items to have conversations about God; such as a loaf of bread to talk about how we cannot live on bread alone.

### MEMORABLE STORIES

Jesus told many parables to teach powerful lessons. A parable is a story that illustrates a spiritual truth about God's kingdom. Talking about these stories helps us understand Jesus and His Kingdom. These stories can be understood by people of all ages and brought into everyday life.

### EVERYDAY MOMENTS

When the disciples argued about who was the greatest, Jesus said, "if anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 12:43-44). An everyday conversation about being humble can come from hearing a brag about how great someone is. Or a conversation about our worth to God can come when someone puts themselves or others down.