

CONVERSATION STARTER FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GATHERING!

Hopes & Expectations

1. Christmas travels, both trips and inward journeys, bring me to...
2. How do you hope to grow in the coming year?
3. Ten years from now, with whom do you hope to be sharing Christmas dinner?
4. Tell about a favorite Christmas experience.
5. What is the most meaningful way for you to experience the Christmas story?
6. What is your greatest hope for world leaders in the next year?
7. Describe who or what you are missing this Christmas.
8. Christmas ... what thought or image comes to mind?
9. Three things I/we do to prepare for Christmas are...

Wonders & Marvels

1. When I think of playing at Christmas, I think of...
2. Who told you about Jesus? How can you tell someone else?
3. What is the most wonderful thing about Christmas for you?
4. The first time I saw a newborn baby, I thought...
5. The *angels* frightened the shepherds? What about faith frightens or awes you?
6. How does the birth of Jesus impact your daily life?
7. What is a miracle?
8. What wonders in the last year have you experienced?
9. Describe a Christmas ornament or decoration that holds memory or meaning for

Gifts & Giving

1. The gift that the world needs now is...
2. What is the best gift you have ever given?
3. Is it better to give or to receive?
4. How do people learn to enjoy giving?
5. My life is a gift because...
6. Who in your life is the greatest gift for you? How so?
7. Where do you hang your Christmas stockings?
8. Would it be Christmas if there weren't a pile of gifts under the tree?
9. What is the most special gift you have ever received? Who gave it to you?

Belonging & Identity

1. When I think of Christmas, I think of gathering at...
2. Who are you?
3. My identity is defined by...
4. Which Christmas carol makes you feel like you belong?
5. At Christmas time, a group that feels like family to me is.... This is because...
6. Where is "Home for Christmas" for you? Why?
7. What do you feel like when you are unable to visit family around Christmas?
8. Who gets to pass out the gifts in your family?
9. What did your grandparents use to decorate their tree?