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So I asked our writers to share some of their **favorite conversation starters with their kids**. These are especially great after a long school day when your babies don't want to chat.

(You may also want to check out – [*Not Just Bedtime Prayers: 70 Faith-Focused Questions To Ask Your Kids Each Day.*](#))

Here's some of their favorites!

- 1 What made you smile today?
- 2 Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- 3 Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
- 4 Does everyone have a friend at recess?
- 5 What was the book about that your teacher read?
- 6 What's the word of the week?
- 7 Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
- 8 Did anyone cry?
- 9 What did you do that was creative?
- 10 What is the most popular game at recess?
- 11 What was the best thing that happened today?
- 12 Did you help anyone today?
- 13 Did you tell anyone "thank you?"
- 14 Who did you sit with at lunch?
- 15 What made you laugh?
- 16 Did you learn something you didn't understand?
- 17 Who inspired you today?
- 18 What was the peak and the pit?
- 19 What was your least favorite part of the day?
- 20 Was anyone in your class gone today?
- 21 Did you ever feel unsafe?
- 22 What is something you heard that surprised you?
- 23 What is something you saw that made you think?
- 24 Who did you play with today?
- 25 Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- 26 What is something that challenged you?
- 27 How did someone fill your bucket of joy or love today? Whose bucket did you fill?
- 28 Did you like your lunch?
- 29 Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.
- 30 Did anyone get in trouble today?
- 31 How were you brave today?
- 32 What questions did you ask at school today?
- 33 Tell us your top two things from the day (before you can be excused from the dinner table!).
- 34 What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
- 35 What are you reading?

- 36 What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- 37 Teach me something I don't know.
- 38 If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- 39 (For older kids): Do you feel prepared for your history test?" or, "Is there anything on your mind that you'd like to talk about?" (In my opinion, the key is not only the way a question is phrased, but responding in a supportive way.)
- 40 Who did you share your snacks with at lunch?
- 41 What made your teacher smile? What made her frown?
- 42 What kind of person were you today?
- 43 What made you feel happy?
- 44 What made you feel proud?
- 45 What made you feel loved?
- 46 Did you learn any new words today?
- 47 What do you hope to do before school is out for the year?
- 48 If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- 49 What is your least favorite part of the school building? And favorite?
- 50 If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?