

## Faith Conversations for Families at Home

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The *Directory for Catechesis* (2020), quoting *On Catechesis in our Time* (1979), reminds us that the definitive aim of catechesis is “to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ.” (#30)

It's not just about knowing things about Jesus, knowing the facts of his life and ministry. That is important; that is part of it. But it doesn't stop there. Our faith is about being in relationship with Jesus.

We're called to share our relationship with Jesus. What better place to do that than within the family? In sharing our relationship, in listening to the God-experiences of others, we grow and deepen in our relationship.

Listed here are some questions and open-ended sentences. They are not questions that help us recall information related to Scripture stories about Jesus. Rather, they help us explore our thoughts, feelings and experiences of Jesus; how is Jesus connected to and alive in our lives.

Families are invited to use a question or two – during dinner, in rides in the car, during night prayer, after Sunday liturgy, etc.

- When do I know that Jesus loves me?
- What if Jesus returned to earth tomorrow?
- I wonder if Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
- What if I could ask Jesus three questions?
- If I were Jesus and heard someone pray this psalm, “Why are you so far away, O Lord? Why do you hide yourself when we are in trouble?” (Ps 10:1), how would I answer the person?
- I wonder why Jesus' cross looks like a plus sign?
- How have my hands helped Jesus' hands?

- My three favorite words for Jesus are \_\_\_\_\_.
- People see Jesus in me when I \_\_\_\_\_.
- If Jesus had three wishes for the world, I think they would be \_\_\_\_\_.
- I wonder why Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
- What if I read something Jesus said, and believed it is especially true for me?
- When has Jesus been a comfort to me?
- When has Jesus been a challenge to me?
- I wonder what made Jesus most sad?
- Sometimes the color, \_\_\_\_\_, reminds of Jesus because \_\_\_\_\_.
- When I think of Jesus' life, what three verbs (action words) come to my mind? What three verbs (actions) is Jesus doing in the world today?
- What does Jesus' touch feel like to me? How can I help Jesus touch our world?
- When Jesus talks to me, \_\_\_\_\_.
- When do I think about Jesus?
- A symbol ("real" or an invented one) that describes Jesus for me is \_\_\_\_\_.
- I wonder what Jesus would do if \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus' words in Scripture that I especially like are \_\_\_\_\_.
- What are Jesus' dreams for me?
- What are Jesus' dreams for our world? Can I help make those dreams come true?
- This past week I felt Jesus with me when \_\_\_\_\_.

- I believe Jesus gives us \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus thinks I am \_\_\_\_\_.
- Read Mark 8:27. How would I answer Jesus?
- There are some people in my life who remind me of Jesus. They are \_\_\_\_\_.
- I think someone who needs Jesus' love today is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus' words in Scripture that I'd rather forget about are \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
- I think the place that needs Jesus love today is \_\_\_\_\_.

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