Out of the Hat

Easy Starters - Circles

1. Describe an enjoyable time you had with family this year.
2. What’s something you’re looking forward to doing with family in the next 6 months?
3. Name 3 qualities you admire in your parent(s).
4. What’s 1 of the best books you have ever read?
5. What is 1 tradition your family has?
6. What’s a great movie you’ve seen?
7. What are 3 things that make you feel frustrated?
8. Describe a happy memory your have.
9. Where’s 1 of your favorite places to go with friends?
10. What are 2 things you would do if you were President?
11. Describe a fun time you had with friends this past year.
12. What is 1 food that you can’t stand?
13. What is a gift that you’d like to receive?
14. Where in the world would you like to live?
15. Describe the ideal vacation.
16. A musical artist I like right now is . . .
17. My 2 favorite colors are . . .
18. Are others more likely to say you’re “serious” or “funny”?
19. One of my favorite sports is . . .
20. My dream car is a . . .
21. At an amusement park, which ride would you want to go on?
22. Are you more of a “talker” or a “listener”?
23. Are you more like your dad or your mom?
24. Would you rather sky dive or SCUBA dive?
25. Would you rather be on TV or in the movies?
26. True or False – blondes have more fun? Explain.
27. How would you talk your way out of a speeding ticket?
28. Would you rather be too cold or too hot?
29. Do you prefer dark chocolate or milk chocolate?
30. What is the ideal age for a person to be?
31. Are you more of a morning person or a late night person?
32. My favorite season of the year is . . .
33. If you could be in the Olympics, which sport would you want it to be?
34. Are you more apt to be late, on time, or early?
35. When you have some free time, what do you like to do?
36. Would you rather live in the mountains or by the ocean?
37. What was one of your favorite toys when you were a child?
38. I’m happiest when . . .
39. I use my cell phone to . . .
40. Would you rather go to a concert or a sports event?
41. Are you more of an indoor person or an outdoor person?
42. What are some of your sources to get news?
43. What’s a TV show you’d watch?
44. What are your favorite sweets?
45. You’ve been given eight extra hours today—what will you do?
46. What art form would you choose to express yourself (such as paint, music, drama, dance, etc.)?
47. On a scale of 1-10, from cautious to daring, what number are you?
48. What makes you laugh?
49. If you could change 1 thing about yourself physically, what would it be?
50. Do you sleep on your stomach, back, or side?

Deep Starters - Squares

1. What’s 1 thing you really want out of life?
2. Describe what you would do on “a perfect day” in your life.
3. What’s something that makes you really happy?
4. What’s something that makes you afraid?
5. What are 2 secrets for a good friendship?
6. How do you feel about living forever?
7. What is something you’ve learned “the hard way”?
8. What are 3 qualities you look for in a friend?
9. What do you think life on earth will be like in 100 years?
10. When is a good time for a kid to become fully independent?
11. What are your current thoughts about death?
12. How should we relate to poverty?
13. What is a cause you’re willing to die for?
14. What is a cause that you’re willing to live for?
15. What’s something that gets you down?
16. Would you rather be wealthy or happy? Why?
17. What is the purpose of your life?
18. What are 3 things you hope people will say about you at your funeral?
19. What are 2 hopes or dreams you have for the future?
20. Why do you think bad things happen?
21. Why do good things happen to people?
22. Are things getter better or worse? Explain.
23. Name 3 specific ways you demonstrate love?
24. Should a couple stay married if they don’t love each other anymore?
25. Is having a child an advantage or a disadvantage for an adult? Explain.
26. What disadvantage(s) does a child of divorce have?
27. What are 2 differences between males and females (beyond the physical)?
28. Why do so many people say one thing and then do another?
29. Which do you have more of—faith or hope?
30. Explain 3 ways people earn your trust.
31. Why are there so many wars?
32. True or False: Cheaters never prosper. Explain.
33. What is the most important character trait to have?
34. Something that really makes me angry is. . .
35. Why do people lie?
36. Besides family, who are three people who have influenced your life?
37. Describe a tough time that pushed you to become a better person.
38. Which has shaped “who you are” more—heredity or environment?
39. What makes you cry?
40. What are areas in which you excel?
41. What’s an example of when life has been unfair to you?
42. Who is someone you wish you could be with more of the time?
43. Are you a person who learns from others or do you need to try things out for yourself?
44. What influences you more right now – the past or the future?
45. Why do people make bad choices?
46. Based on your experiences, what advice would you give to someone younger than yourself?
47. Prioritize the following: intelligence, money, friends, athletic ability, family, spirituality, talents.
48. If the earth is destroyed, what do you think could be two possible causes?
49. What advantages have you been given?
50. What disadvantages have you been given?

Spiritual Starters - Octagons

1. Describe a time when you were aware of God’s presence.
2. What 3 questions would you ask God if He was talking with you face-to-face right now?
3. When does God seem distant to you?
4. When is God nothing more than a Santa Claus to you?
5. What’s a question you have about Christianity?
6. If Jesus walked the earth today, what would upset Him?
7. If Jesus walked the earth today, what would make Him glad?
8. What’s 1 problem in the world today that you would like for Jesus to fix?
9. Why are there so many different religions?
10. Use 5 words to describe heaven.
11. Define sin? What should be done about it?
12. Why do you think people go to church?
13. Why would Jesus take you to heaven?
14. Who won’t go to heaven? What do you base that on?
15. Pray out loud right now one of your typical prayers (not a “blessing” for a meal).
16. What is the purpose of religion?
17. What are 2 beliefs your parents passed on to you?
18. What are 2 beliefs you have that are different from your parents?
19. What part of the Bible are you most likely to read?
20. Was Jesus really God? Explain.
21. Where do you see God?
22. Why do so many people *not* believe in God?
23. Some say God is like a crutch for weak people. What do you think?
24. Is following God more about “yes” or more about “no”?
25. How should we celebrate holidays that are Christian, pagan and also commercial? (like Christmas, Easter)
26. If heaven didn’t exist, would you still follow Jesus? Explain.
27. Has God been fair to you?
28. Would you rather live in Bible times or today? Why?
29. Why do some people forgive, but others don’t?
30. Why did Jesus die?
31. What does it take to forgive AND forget?
32. Where have you seen “grace” (an underserved gift)?
33. Can a person be a Christian without a conversion? Explain.
34. What does a person’s sexuality have to do with God?
35. Which is more important – what you believe or what you do? Why?
36. What happens when you pray?
37. Prioritize the following: group worship, serving others, private time with God.
38. How do emotions affect your spirituality (and vice versa)?
39. Does God have a specific will for your life? How do you know?
40. Who’s responsible for killing Jesus?
41. How can you tell whether or not God’s Spirit is in you?
42. When it comes to living the Christian life, what is “God’s part” and what is “your part”?
43. What’s an example of a religious belief that is difficult for you?
44. What are ways you celebrate God?
45. Do you sense God more in a group or by yourself; with noise or when it’s quiet?
46. What makes you open to God? What makes you closed to God?
47. If God could change 1 thing about you, what would it be? Why hasn’t He changed it?
48. Does God get angry? Explain.
49. Why don’t you have more time for God?
50. Christianity – What do you give? What do you get?