FAMILY CONVERSATION · VOLUME 02

What Does a Family Really Need?

Conversation prompts about hunger, help, fairness and difficult choices – inspired by Volume 02.

You do not have to answer everything

Choose two or three questions that interest you. The aim is not to find a model answer, but to think together.

1 · When does "having little" become real hardship?
Which things are merely inconvenient to be without – and which become essential?

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2 · Is sharing always right?
What would you do if your own family barely had enough and someone else asked for help?

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3 · What is fair?
Is it fair if some people have stores of food while others are hungry? Does your answer change if those stores were lawfully acquired?

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4 · Can hunger change the way we judge rules?
If someone steals food because the family is starving, does that make the act right – or simply more understandable?

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5 · Why do people leave home?
What would a family have to lose or fear before setting out on an uncertain journey?

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6 · What can a child do?
Carl cannot save a harvest or lower prices. What can a child still change?

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7 · Why tell children difficult history?
What can a story show that a list of dates and prices cannot?

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8 · What does compassion mean?

Do we have to experience the same thing as another person in order to understand their situation?

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A family rule to take with you

Together, write one sentence that describes how you think people should treat one another when times are difficult.

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