



STEP BY STEP MENTORING PROGRAM

Caring and Growing...Together

Mentor Conversation Starters

1. What is your greatest talent? What are some things you do really well?
2. How would your best friend describe you?
3. What is the most important lesson you have learned in life?
4. What is the biggest mistake you have ever made? What did you learn from it?
5. What plans do you have after you graduate from high school?
6. What do you like most about school?
7. How do you define success? What do you think is most important for success?
8. If you could go back to middle school, what would you do differently?
9. What do/did you say to your friends when they are/were in trouble?
10. If you could be anyone in the world for one hour, who would it be? Why?
11. What is the latest movie you have seen? What did you like/dislike about it?
12. How do you feel about attending trade school, vocational school or military service instead of college?
13. Let's talk about music. I listen to...
14. What is your favorite book? Why?
15. Did you see the game last night?
16. How do you feel about sport stars as role models?
17. What chores do you think teenagers should be responsible for at home?
18. How do you handle anger?
19. What steps do you follow when problem-solving?
20. In what community activities do you enjoy participating?



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21. What do you find frustrating?
22. What positive quality do you have that you really like about yourself?
23. What is something you do when you're upset that makes you feel better? (risky question)
24. What is the most important quality in a relationship that you value?
25. If there were a headline in the local newspaper about you, what would it say?
26. Tell about a promise you kept.
27. If you were an animal, which one would you be?
28. If you could "write a billboard", what message would you give the world?
29. If you had to have a word or a picture drawn on your face for a week, what would it be?
30. If you could have dinner with any 3 people, living or dead, who would you invite?
31. What is one word that describes your future?
32. If you could be anyone in history, who would you be?
33. What is the most common cause of arguments?
34. Describe the happiest day of your life.
35. List 5 qualities that make an ideal parent/guardian.