

TEENS

Favorites



BEST USE

As a family cooking activity with teens

VALUE

Strengthening the parent/teen relationship by having fun making a special meal, fostering good conversation and discovering one another's favorite things.

ADVANCE PREPARATION

- Ask your teen to pick his or her favorite meal
- Gather the ingredients (do it together if possible)
- Set a night to cook together to teach them how to make their favorite meal
- Write out the recipe for your teen with a special note on the back from you

SERVE IT UP

ASK: Ask your teen why he or she chose this particular meal.
Is there a unique memory or something else special about the meal?

DO

Take the time to show them how to make the meal. Use the time for life coaching as you prepare them for the future by teaching how to follow a cookie recipe.

SHARE

If the meal has a special meaning to you or your family, share any stories, memories, or pictures with your teen.

ASK

After cooking, spend time going through the following questions as you eat together. Remember, this is a time to listen and learn more about what your teen thinks, not to criticize or critique their answers.

What Is Your Favorite...

1. Activity you are involved in right now? Why?
2. Thing about school? Why?
3. Book?
4. Song or recording artist?
5. Thing about our family?
6. Thing about our church?
7. Thing about your walk with God?

ANSWER

Invite your teen to ask you similar "favorites" questions and/or come up with different questions. The goal is to enjoy dialogue together.