

100 PERCEPTIVE QUESTIONS

YOU NEED TO ASK Getting to Know Your Flock

Every great leadership team makes it a ritual to see that every regular kid gets to talk one-on-one to a leader every week.

Leaders must learn to ask PERCEPTIVE QUESTIONS every week to get to learn more about “their” kids.

68 areas of a kid’s life you can explore
slanted toward high school kids, but important in elementary and adult as well.

salvation	spiritual passion	diligence & faithfulness
siblings	career	family health
dating choices	schoolwork, gpa?	money: how much, purchases
Bible reading	prayer intelligence	most negative attitude
love for the lost	reg. TV viewing	clothes in his/her closet?
memorize Scripture	strongest neg. peer pressure	social relationships
“little” sins	off color jokes?	sensitivity to sin
lyrics to fav songs	favorite movies	fav TV shows not allowed to watch
Netflix history	one-word description	grounded for different reasons
Christian musicians	video games	using spiritual gifts
heroes & idols	relationship to parents	teachers
sarcasm, arrogance,	sports, clubs,	contentment w/ looks & abilities
closest friends	keeps speed laws	church attendance
protective of others	helps the poor, weak	profanity, porn
helpful at home	addictions, TV, text, phone, food	parents’ opinion of best friends
ever fired?	money on beauty aids	regard for parents’ opinions
neatness quotient	college bound	thought life
marriage plans	bigoted toward minorities	team player
valuable to youth min.	who gets ignored?	pride factor
money-thru-fingers	what is “success”?	guilt issues
people he hates	accepts self	how he fits in
strongest temptation	greatest present need	one-word description
kind to the disadvantaged	Bible knowledge	

Explore these facets of his/her life

1. Social, Mental, Emotional, Spiritual, Physical
You must learn to specialize in different phases during different points of their lives. High school is far more complex than elementary school.
2. None of us truly know how to gauge other people. Most of us only compare them to ourselves. It is a broken gauge, but it’s all we’ve got. We can improve with books, with diligent OBSERVATION, and with Scripture. We learn how our lives deviate from the others. Kids in our groups may differ from our backgrounds significantly.
3. Make sure the greater part of your compliments to your kids pertain to their character and kindness, not their appearance, i.e. quick to get the point, good listener, remember major points, help others, most attentive.

100 PERCEPTIVE QUESTIONS

Underline 20 questions you want to ask

Put an X when you have asked any question twice.

1. What's the best thing that has happened in the last week? last month? last year?
2. What's your favorite subject at school? What's your best grade at school?
3. Who's your favorite teacher, coach, adult friend? Why? What has he/she encouraged you to learn?
4. What was the best thing you learned last month in youth group? Sunday School? Junior Church?
5. Do you ever pray with your Dad? Mom? Grandparents?
6. What's the hardest habit you ever tried to quit? Biting nails? Eating between meals? Robbing banks? Picking on your sister? Putting off doing homework? Making excuses for being nasty? Spending money too fast? Ignoring parents? Driving over the speed limit?
7. Is there a kid at school I can pray for? How?
8. Is there a subject at school I can pray for?
9. Do you get to participate in any special activities, clubs, or sports at school? Which is your favorite? Which ones would you like to get into some year?
10. Whom do you usually sit next to on the bus? What's he/she like?
11. Have you ever invited a kid to church?
12. What was your favorite summer?
13. What is your favorite dessert?
14. What is your favorite color?
15. What is your favorite book of the Bible?
16. What is your favorite person in the Bible [*besides Jesus*]?
17. What is your favorite animal? Favorite animal to be?
18. What is your favorite sport or game?
19. What is your favorite vacation?
20. What is your favorite store?
21. What is your favorite restaurant?
22. What is your favorite pair of shoes?
23. What is your favorite shirt?
24. What is your favorite book?
25. What is your favorite TV program? What would you watch if you were allowed?
26. What is your favorite movie? What would you go to if you were allowed?
27. Who is your favorite star, actor, athlete, politician, scientist?
28. Who is your favorite classmate(s) at school? Why? What do they like to do?
29. Whom would you like to get to know?
30. Has anyone ever bullied you? How? What happens to kids at school if they get caught bullying?
31. Do you like science fairs?
32. Have you ever been in a play?
33. Do you have a favorite poem?
34. What is your favorite meal?
35. What kind of jobs have your mom or dad had? Which was your favorite?
36. Name 3 jobs you could probably enjoy when you grow up.
37. Name 3 places you might like to visit.
38. When & how did you trust Jesus as your Savior?
39. How did you meet your best friend?
40. Have you always lived in the same home? What was the best thing about living where you used to live?

41. Do you like jokes? Tell me one.
42. Ask me a question you think I can't answer.
43. Ask me a question you think I can answer.
44. What would you change about me if you could?
45. What is the most annoying thing I do or say?
46. What question would you like to ask in Sunday School, but won't? youth group? Junior Church? Parents? School?
47. What questions won't you ask your parents?
48. Do you keep secrets your friends tell you? I'm not asking you to tell me.
49. What would you do if your friend asked you to promise "not to tell" before he/she told you?
50. Do you ever cook by yourself? What do you make? What do you wish you knew how to make?
51. What is your favorite creative accomplishment?
52. Do you collect anything? books, stuffed animals, teapots, mugs, skateboard parts, toys, letters, tickets from the movies, sports stuff, music posters, stuff from school, old sneakers, _____
53. Do you have a favorite video game? Do you play it every week?
54. What video game would you play if you were allowed? Why aren't you allowed?
55. What are the hardest rules at your house to keep?
56. Does your family do anything special on weekends [*besides go to church*]? Concerts? Beach? Movies? Friends' houses? Camping? Parks?
57. Are either of your parents "too busy" to do anything?
 most of the time
 some of the time
 hardly ever too busy for me
58. What kind of music does your family play at home?
59. Do you listen to your own music?
60. Is there any instrument you would like to learn to play?
61. What is the worst song kids are listening to now? What's wrong with it?
62. Do you have any chores or responsibilities at home?
63. What is the best book you've read this year?
64. What's the best book you've ever read?
65. How do you expect God will use you in the church when you are an adult?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> writer | <input type="checkbox"/> counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> exhorting |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> sound crew | <input type="checkbox"/> showing mercy | <input type="checkbox"/> comforting | <input type="checkbox"/> mentor |
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66. How often does your family go to the library?
67. Have you ever been in your school library on your own?
68. Does your family have a lot of games to play at your house?
69. If your folks died in a crash, whom would you want to live with?
70. Favorite: bird [*bird you'd like to be*], insect, 4-legged animal, president, sports figure, picture on the wall in your house?
71. Have you ever read a missionary biography?
72. Do you ever read famous people's biographies? [*inventors, politicians, writers, explorers, scientists*]
73. What kind of books do you like?
74. Do you own any books [*in your room*]?
75. Any: music lessons, gymnastics, flea market trips, cavities, fav. junk food, chess club, museums,

amusement parks, Trick or Treating costume, forests, zoos, whale watching, hunting trips, state fair, blueberry festivals.

76. How often do you go out in your yard? What do you do?
77. Parents' favorite TV programs?
78. What kind of job do you want after you get out of high school?
79. Mom's favorite store?
80. Ever been to Good Will store? Niemen Marcus?
81. Does your family have a favorite restaurant to eat at every week?
82. What are your siblings most annoying habits?
83. What do you do which annoys your siblings? Why don't you stop? How important is it to you?
I promise I'll give no sermons.
84. What do you do which annoys your parents? Why don't you stop?
85. How do you usually spend your money?
86. Do you get an allowance?
87. Have you ever earned any money? Doing what?
88. If you had a part time job, what do you think you'd enjoy?
89. Where do you get money if you want to buy a friend a birthday present?
90. What's your family's favorite thing to do at Christmas? Tree? Go shopping? Eat special foods? Go to people's houses? Go to parties? Decorate the house? Untangle the tree lights? Stay up late? Ride around and look for Christmas lights?
91. Watch certain TV shows? Rent DVDs? _____
92. What is special about birthdays?
93. What is your favorite national holiday?
94. Who is your favorite person you hardly ever see?
95. Does your family ever read the Bible together?
96. How many Bible verses do your parents know?
97. Who reads the Bible the most at your house?
98. If you have to miss church some week, where do you usually go?
99. How many churches do you attend?
100. Do you have a favorite song you sing in your head a lot?
101. How does your family help other families?
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| mow the lawn | make meals if they're sick |
| bake cookies | visit in hospital |
| shovel the snow | watch their house when they're gone |
| send cards | watch their kids |
| let them use your truck | lend them money |
| watch their dog, cat, birds, snakes | invite them over for dinner |
| give them ice cubes when they have company | loan tools |
| invite them over for movies or s'mores | tutor their kids |
| | take their kids Trick or Treating |
102. Do you help raise money for: families after a fire, disaster relief, mission trips, Make-A-Wish, first responders
103. Who is your funniest friend? How? Who is your family's funniest friend?
104. Who was your best friend when you were little? Now?
105. Why is it hard to have a best friend?
106. Are you competitive? Do you hate, hate, hate losing? Are you a good loser?
107. Who is the worst loser in your family? At what?
108. Who is the hardest person to lose to?
109. What is the scariest thing you love?
110. Do you like your two best friends the same? What's different about them?
111. Name 2 friends who have come over to your house.

- 112. Do you have a bike? When was the last time you rode it?
- 113. When was the last time you worked so hard you were out of breath?
- 114. Does your family ever pray for any missionaries? Who?
- 115. Has your family ever memorized anything together?
- 116. When was the last time you had anyone over for dinner?
- 117. How faithful are you in doing your homework? Without being nagged?
- 118. Favorite Bible verse after John 3.16?
- 119. Favorite day at AWANA? church youth group? school? neighborhood?
- 120. How many backyards on your street have you been in?
- 121. How many homes have you been in?
- 122. If you could trade places for a month with anyone in the Bible, who would it be?
- 123. If you could be friends with anyone in the Bible, who would it be?
- 124. If you could have been any character in the Christmas story, who would it be?
- 125. If you could quote any story or chapter in the Bible, which would it be: creation, Abraham & Isaac, Goliath, storm on Galilee, Sermon on the Mount, birth of Jesus, Solomon's prayer at the Temple, battle of Jericho, the flood, love chapter, 23rd Psalm, Psalm 100?
- 126. Who was the worst person in the Bible [*besides Satan, Judas, or Pharaoh*]? Why?
- 127. If you got to sit as Jesus' feet when He told a story, which one would it be?
- 128. Are there any clothes in your closet you would never let me see?
- 129. Is there anything in your drawers or closets you would be ashamed to let your parents find?

Pick 1 or 2 each month.

Write them down.

Ask them to as many class members as you can one-on-one.