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# HOSTS & GUESTS

## [ INTENTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS ]

Have you ever been a guest at a party? Then you know that guests don't have a lot of responsibilities. They might have a few conversations, or run into a friend they know, but for the most part they can just sit back and enjoy the party. Hosts are a different story. A host is responsible for planning, getting food, setting up the venue and even welcoming and introducing guests to others. Hosts take the initiative in relationships. They are intentional about them. You must do this too. You must see yourself as a host, not a guest, in your daily life and go out of your way to connect with others and provide for them.

### FAMILY ACTIVITY

Challenge your kids to host a dinner for the family.

They should create menus, set ambiance, cook food & plan dinner conversation or games.

**Menu Ideas**

- Paninis & Soup
- Salad & Pasta
- Night Breakfast
- Snack Dinner

**Conversation**

- Dream Vacations
- Would You Rather
- Guess the Movie
- Historic Trivia

**Atmosphere**

- Candles & Tablecloth
- Mood Setting Music
- Floor/Table/Outside
- Informal/Formal

Click [here](#) for additional ideas for creative ways to stay connected

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think of a few people in your life who are good hosts. What makes them good hosts?
2. Why is it important to make others feel comfortable?
3. How would relationships change if everyone took more initiative?



## STAYING CONNECTED

Connections can be hard to come by, even when you aren't quarantined by Coronavirus. That's why it's amazing when you see people in isolation still finding ways to connect. [People around the world](#) are exercising together from their balconies, playing music together and utilizing video chatting technology to create together and solve problems. All this is only possible when people focus on being hosts, not guests, to those within their influence.

No where is this a bigger challenge than in our own families. Sometimes the people you know the best are the ones who you tend to make the least effort toward. May that not be true of our families during this time. The Coronavirus should be a reason to come together, and it's time we started taking initiative with those we love the most. So, what could you do to care or connect with others this week?



### Make Music Together

When thousands were put into quarantine in Italy, it didn't stop them from connecting. Instead, they [played music together](#). Have your family grab instruments (real or make-shift) and make music together. Record and post it with the hashtag

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