



## Mom Most Traveled...

I have to do the impossible: travel long distances with 2 small children, and live in a place that isn't kid-friendly. I'll show you how to do it. "I am the Mom Most Traveled, and THAT has made all the difference..."

## Family Togetherness On The Go



I have friend who is always proposing that we do "table questions" whenever we go out to eat with a group of adults. She likes to get to know people on a personal level, and one way to engage everyone at the table is to have each person answer the same question.

I immediately thought of her when I was introduced to a new game called Family Talk. Family Talk is a game meant to spark conversation and create memories. There are 100 talk-inducing questions attached to a carabineer clip.

Family Talk and Family Talk 2 (100 DIFFERENT questions!) were deliberately created to be portable. They can be used in restaurants, on car trips, traffic jams, airports...anywhere that a group of people find themselves together for a time.

I have often times lamented that my busy schedule seems to prevent me from connecting with friends and family in a deep and meaningful way. I like that Family Talk is designed to work for a busy life!



The questions range from "food for thought" (Would you consider yourself a *leader* or a *follower*?) to "sharing memories" (What foods or smells remind you of when you were younger?)

I was initially excited to use Family Talk with my English as a Second Language students, or as an ice breaker for faculty meetings (I always get called on to plan those!). I thought my 3 1/2-year-old might be a bit young to participate in a round of Family Talk, but one day in a desperate attempt to get him to sit still (and stop whining) during a meal at home, I grabbed the ring of questions and gave it a whirl.

The question was something like, "What is your favorite thing to eat at a restaurant?" Something amazing happened. My child stopped whining, a smile bloomed upon his face, and he said (enthusiastically), "I like FRIED CHICKEN!"

I was floored. Not only did I not know he liked fried chicken (mother of the year award...I thought he was going to say "fried rice"), I couldn't believe how pleased he was to participate in a conversation. His grandparents also answered the question, and another, and another. We learned that my father has fond memories of eating fried squirrel as a child, prepared by his dad!

I plan to take Family Talk with us on our upcoming trips, and it will most likely find a permanent home next to the napkin holder on the dinner table.

*Pick a card, ask a question, create memories, bridge generations.*

**Around The Table Games is offering one Mom Most Traveled reader the Family Talk pack of their choice! The winner may choose the Family Talk, Family Talk 2, or Grandparent Talk set. To enter, visit the Around the Table Games website and look around, then comment below with a possible question for future Family Talk games! One winner will be chosen by a random number generator. This giveaway will end on May 19, at 9pm CST.**

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