

Freedom's Feast **LABOR DAY**

On-line resources to get the most out of your AMERICAN holiday Celebrations.



★ TABLE TALK ★ CONVERSATION STARTERS

What Did You Do at Work Today?

As we return to our busy fall schedules, we believe that Labor Day's original purpose can inspire memorable discussions. Parents, grandparents and other significant family and community members are our children's most important models for work. Yet our children don't always understand our jobs or why we do them. How does work give meaning to our lives and contribute to the well-being of our families, communities and nation? We hope that the questions below will encourage meaningful conversations about the work that your family does.

If you don't use the exercise during your Labor Day celebrations, try it sometime in the next few weeks. Cars can be great places for these conversations. For grandparents and special relatives who live in other communities, schedule an appointment so that your child can have this interesting conversation with an important person. We hope you also enjoy our "Dozen Enterprise Tips: Helping Children Develop Good Work Habits at Home, School, and in the World," another resource in *Celebrate Your Way*.

Questions for Children to Ask Their Parents & Other Important Adults

- What is your job?
- Why did you choose this profession?
- What do you do every day?
- What do you like most and least about your job?
- What is one thing you have done at your job that you are most proud of?
- Did someone inspire or help you to do the job you are doing today?
- Is this the job you thought you would have when you were my age?
- Have you had other jobs that you would like to tell me about?
- For instance, do you remember your first job?
- What wisdom can you share that will help me find work that will be rewarding to me?
- What does it take to be successful?
- How can I start using some of your advice now?
- What kind of work did your parents do?

Consider recording these conversations.



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Follow up your conversation with visits to these useful sites!

FOR KIDS

Bureau of Labor and Statistics "What Do You Like?" helps children explore what careers might be best for them: www.bls.gov/k12

This website has information and links about fun careers for kids: <https://kids.usa.gov/jobs/index.shtml>

FOR ADULTS

Use your expertise to be a source of inspiration to the next generation of entrepreneurs, professionals and business leaders. Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship: 800-367-6383; www.nfte.com. Citizen Schools: 617-695-2300; www.citizenschools.org

The official website for the national *Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work* program. Held on the fourth Thursday in April, this program encourages school and workplace cooperation to introduce children ages 8 -18 to workplace environments and get them dreaming. Start the conversation with Labor Day. Get involved, take your child, and join 37 million other youth and adults at work this April. www.daughtersandsonstowork.org

FOR ALL AGES

What Did You Do in the War, Grandma? An Oral History project about Rhode Island Women during World War II written by students in the Honors English Program at South Kingstown High School. This is a great model for the way family stories of work inspire future generations. www.stg.brown.edu/projects/WWII_Women/WomenInWWII.html