

Five Simple Dates Part 2!

Bikes Blanket & Beverage

We live in Oregon, so this one is always hit-and-miss with rain. But there's something fun about hopping on bikes together, finding a park or fun spot nearby, throwing down a blanket, and enjoying your favorite beverage. There might be some barriers with bike rides based on where you live, but you can skip the bikes, drive to a nearby park, and experience the blanket and beverage! We find it's fun to dream about the future when we are outside on a blanket. Here are a couple of questions to consider on the blanket!

- Where's one place you'd love to go out for dinner in the upcoming month?
- Is there a day trip we could take this upcoming season? Where would you want to go?
- Where could the next epic vacation take us? Let's not worry about barriers for a few moments and dream up an amazing trip together.

All Trails

Have you heard of this fun app? It's FREE! You would be amazed at how many short, easy, long, or challenging hiking trails are within 15-20 minutes from your house. Although this date might take more than an hour if you include drive-time, it's definitely worth it. Being in God's creation, moving your body, walking, and talking has so many fun benefits for you and your marriage. Plus, the App takes you to beautiful places right in your own backyard! Pick a hike, explore together, and enjoy the shared experience!

Camping Chair, Fresh Air, and Fun Questions

Pick an evening, and plant your camping chairs in your driveway or a nearby park. Grab a blanket, a candle, and your favorite beverage and treats. Hang out for a few minutes, breathe in some fresh air (there's so much good in just this), and chat on a few questions together...

- What's an outdoor adventure we could plan for this upcoming season together?
- What's one thing on your heart or mind that you have been dreaming about recently?
- How can I pray for you as we head back into our week?
- Finish your time by holding hands and praying for one another.

Coffee and Connection

Pick your favorite coffee shop. Order a coffee or tea together. When you sit down, go back and forth, answering the connection question cards. There are multiple places to purchase these, but they prompt some great discussion and connection. Plus, you don't have to think about what to talk about!.

- “A toast” One thing you did recently that I appreciated was...
- “A toast” A quality about your character that blesses me...
- “A toast” When you do: _____, it blesses me and it makes me feel:_____.
- “A toast” One thing you say or do that makes me smile is...
- “A toast” One thing that attracts me to you is...

Five-and-Older

Go back in time! Remember Chutes and Ladders, Sorry, Candyland, and Memory... those 5+ board games? There's something fun about reconnecting with your childhood together. Plus, these games are less than \$15 in most stores. Pick a spot away from the house for this date night and play one of these games. To make things interesting, the evening winner can choose a meal their spouse makes for them within the next week. If you want some fun conversation, consider answering the questions below while you play. Enjoy!

- What was your favorite board game as a kid, and why?
- What board or card games do you remember from early childhood? Try to name as many as you can.
- What was your favorite playtime activity when you were 5-7?
- What was your favorite toy when you were little?
- Is there a board or card game you would love to learn or get?

Bonus! If you missed our 5 Simple Dates Part 1,

Here it is! Enjoy!

 5 Simple Dates Part-1