

Freedom's Feast **LABOR DAY**

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



CONVERSATION STARTERS

What Did You Do at Work Today?

As we return to our busy fall work and school schedules, use Labor Day to inspire great conversations about work. Parents, grandparents and other significant family and community members are our children's most important models work role models. 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? Use the questions below to encourage meaningful conversations about the work that your family does.

Can't get to it during the Labor Day holiday? No worries. Try it sometime in the next few weeks. Go for a walk, take a ride or sit in your favorite quiet place together. For relatives and special relatives who live in other communities, schedule a time for your child to have this conversation with an important person. Also check out 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? (Some families may have been living, learning and working together very closely during COVID but we might be surprised to learn that our children still do not really know what we do).

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 makes you proud?

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 could tell me about?

For instance, do you remember your first job?

What wisdom can you share that will help me to find rewarding work?

What does it take to be successful?

How can I start using some of your advice now?

What's the most important thing you ever learned from a job?

What kind of work did your parents do?



Follow up your conversation with visits to these useful sites!

FOR KIDS

Bureau of Labor and Statistics "What Do You Like?" helps students (grades 6-12) to explore career options: www.bls.gov/students

For younger children, watch this video about career day (many schools have them): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CR71AhdHadM>

FOR ADULTS

Share your expertise with 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. Check out their great resources, and join millions of 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 work stories inspire future generations. www.stg.brown.edu/projects/WWII_Women/WomenInWWII.html

Consider recording these conversations.



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