Thanksgiving Question Card

Questions worth asking around the table

> *Pick one question, ask it kindly, and then listen. The best stories often come from the follow-up.*

HOME AND CHILDHOOD

1. What did the house you grew up in look and smell like?
2. What games did you play, and who played with you?
3. What did you want to be when you grew up?

HOLIDAYS, FOOD AND TRADITIONS

4. What is the first Thanksgiving you remember, and who else was at the table?
5. Who did the cooking when you were young?
6. Which dish says “family” to you, and who taught you to make it?
7. Which tradition do you wish we still kept?

WORK, LOVE AND TURNING POINTS

8. What was your very first job, and what did it teach you?
9. How did you and your partner first meet?
10. What was the best advice you ever received, and who gave it?
11. When did you feel proudest?

THE PEOPLE WHO CAME BEFORE

12. What do you remember about your grandparents?
13. Where did our earlier relatives live, and what brought them to where we are now?
14. Do any old photos, letters or recipes tell part of the story?

A HARD YEAR AND A HOPE

15. Was there a hard year your family had to get through, and what helped?
16. What do you hope the family always remembers?

BEFORE YOU RECORD

1. Ask permission first, and let anyone skip a question.
2. Say the names, the date and the place at the start.
3. Back up the file in two places.