12 QUESTIONS TO ASK AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TABLE

For the stories you've yet to discover

There's a moment on Christmas Day, usually after the pudding, when the table goes quiet and comfortable and someone says "do you remember when..." That's the moment for these questions. Some will get a laugh. Some might bring a pause. Every one is a gentle invitation for someone you love to tell you something you've never heard before.

1. What did Christmas morning look like when you were a child?
2. What's the best present you ever got as a child, and who gave it to you?
3. Was there a present you longed for and never got?
4. Who was the best cook in your family, and what did they always make at Christmas?
5. Do you have any funny or embarrassing Christmas memories?
6. Which Christmas song, film or TV programme takes you straight back to being young?
7. Did your family have Christmas traditions that we don't do anymore?
8. Is there a decoration or keepsake that comes out every year with a story behind it?
9. Do you remember a Christmas when things didn't go to plan?
10. What was your first Christmas in your own home like?
11. What was Christmas like when your children were small?
12. Which person made Christmas feel like Christmas when you were growing up? What did they do?

If a story comes up that you'd love to keep... jot it down or record it on your phone. Those little details are so easy to lose, and so precious to have.

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