



Thirty THINGS

YOU NEVER KNEW *about* MOM

By Lisa Adachi Childs

Think you know everything there is to know about your mom? Try to answer these questions without asking her first, and see how many you know. You'll probably be surprised by how much you can learn! Get to know your mom better this month by asking her one of these questions (or your own questions) each day—or a few questions each week—and writing down the answers. It could even make a great family home evening activity. When you're done, cut out the page and add it to your family history book. And if Dad feels left out, don't worry—there will be 30 questions to ask him in next month's issue of the *New Era*.

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MOM'S NAME:

MOM'S BIRTHDATE:

1. What was it like being pregnant with (or adopting) me? How was it different from my siblings?

2. What were you like as a child?

3. What makes you happier: someone doing the dishes or someone giving you flowers?

4. Tell me about your worst date ever.

5. How many jobs have you had in your life? What did you learn from them?

6. Who was your favorite person to spend time with when you were a teenager? Why?

7. What kind of car did you learn to drive in? Who taught you?

8. What was the most popular song when you were in high school? What kind of music did you like to listen to?

9. Who was your role model as a kid? Who is it today?

10. What was the highlight of high school for you?

11. What are your favorite smells, sights, sounds, and feelings?

12. Is there anything in your childhood you wish you could have changed? Why?

13. What do you admire most about your parents?

14. Did you have any traditions with your friends growing up? What about fun family traditions for the holidays?

15. What is the greatest service someone has ever done for you?

16. Tell me about your worst hair day ever. And what about your worst hairstyle ever?

17. What is your first memory of Dad? What kind of boyfriend was he?

18. As a teen, did you ever feel the Spirit prompt you very strongly to do something?

19. What was your favorite restaurant or store as a kid?

20. What's the best thing that Dad has ever done for you? that you've done for him?

21. What's your dream job? Is it different from the job you dreamed about as a kid?

22. Tell me about the first movie you remember going to. How much did a ticket cost?

23. Which three foods do you wish didn't exist, and which three foods do you wish you could eat every day?

24. What was your first experience living outside of the home you grew up in?

25. What would you want your grandkids to remember you for?

26. Tell me about one day or event that you wish I could relive with you.

27. What's your favorite thing about having kids? What's the hardest part? the most surprising?

28. Do you have a favorite travel memory?

29. What do you feel like you inherited from your mom and dad?

30. What is your proudest moment as a mother?



PRESERVE THE STORIES

Did you realize that you're doing family history when you talk with your mom about her life? Don't let the stories she tells you be forgotten. With her permission, record some of her stories in the "Memories" section of familysearch.org.