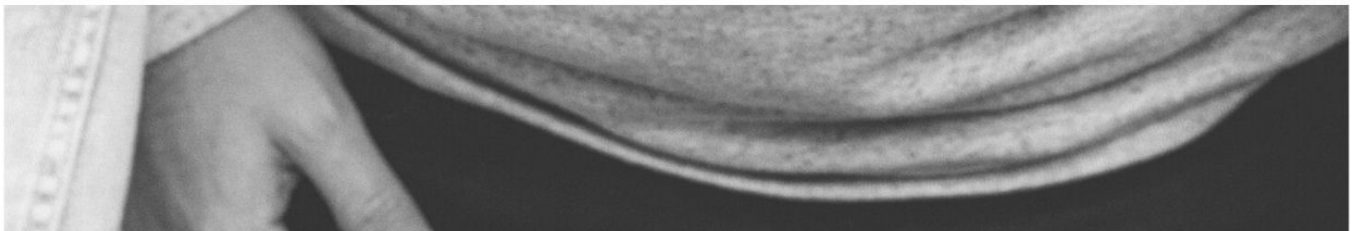




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Supplies

- 8 Letter-sized envelopes.
- 1 Copy of the following pages.
- 1 Gallon-sized storage bag.
- Set of dice
- One free night to watch the grandkids...or cash to pay for childcare.

Preparation

- Label envelopes from 1-8.
- Fill in the restaurant options. Be sure to consider the budget. If your adult kids will pay for their own meal, ask them to decide on a budget ahead of time so you can provide appropriate restaurant options: fast-food/budget-friendly, sit-down-meal with tip-required, or a mix of the two. The purpose of the date is for them to reconnect and enjoy each other so the last thing you want is to add stress.
- Cut the instructions out and place each one in its corresponding envelope.
- Seal envelopes and place them in the storage bag along with the dice (optional: if you are paying for all or a portion of the meal, be sure to include cash).
- Schedule a night for the date. Let your kids know that you're sending them on a "Dicey Date" and that you would love to watch the grandbabies (or pay the cost of babysitting). Even better: Invite the grandkids to sleep-over so your adult kids will have their home to themselves until morning! TIP: Encourage a late afternoon or early evening start time to prevent longer wait-times at the restaurants.
- Pray for their date ahead of time and ask God to use it powerfully. He knows more about what they need than you do, so ask Him to use the time according to His will...helping your adult kids to genuinely reconnect and recharge.

ENVELOPE #1: Leaving the Driveway



Cut out the message, fold, and place in envelope #1

WELCOME TO YOUR DICEY DATE NIGHT!

Forget the stress of life, have fun, and enjoy each other! In each of these envelopes you'll find directions for the next part of your date, so let's get started!

Directions

Take the dice out of the bag or download any free dice app.

Start driving in any direction and have the passenger roll the dice.

- If you roll an ODD number...turn LEFT at the next intersection. If it's an EVEN number...turn RIGHT instead.
- Repeat this process FIVE times.

After 5 turns, pull over at the first sensible spot & open ENVELOPE #2.



ENVELOPE #2: Appetizer Round



Cut out the message, fold, and place in envelope #2

START YOUR ADVENTURE WITH SOME APPETIZERS!

Tonight you'll have a progressive dinner—eating appetizers at one restaurant, entrée at another, and dessert at yet another. Follow the directions below to get your meal started.

Directions

Roll the dice to find out where you'll go for appetizers:

- If you roll an ODD number...eat apps at _____
- If it's an EVEN number...eat apps at _____

Before heading to the restaurant, roll the dice again to choose your topic of conversation for the drive:

- If you roll an ODD number...see how many different types of appetizers you can name before getting to the restaurant.
- If it's an EVEN number...take turns answering the following question: If you could star in any movie or TV show, which would you choose and why?
- Take ENVELOPE #3 into the restaurant with you and open it after ordering.



ENVELOPE #3: Questions for Appetizer Round



Cut out the message, fold, and place in envelope #3

CONVERSATION KICK-OFF

While you kick-off your meal with appetizers, kick-off your conversation with any or all of these questions.

- If you could get paid to play a sport, which sport would you choose?
- What's your idea of a perfect Saturday?
- Would you rather go camping in the mountains or vacation in a houseboat?
- If you could have a conversation with NOAH or MOSES, which would you choose? Why?

When finished, head back to the car and open ENVELOPE #4



ENVELOPE #4: Entrée Round



Cut out the message, fold, and place in envelope #4

NOW FOR THE ENTRÉE!

Directions

Roll the dice to find out where to go for your main dish:

- If you roll an ODD number...eat entrées at _____
- If it's an EVEN number...eat entrées at _____

Before heading to the next restaurant, roll the dice again for some travel fun:

- If you roll an ODD number...have an alphabet war. Each of you starts with “A” and finds letters of the alphabet consecutively on license plates and signs as you drive. First person to call out a letter gets it—no sharing! Whoever gets closest to “Z” by the time you get to the restaurant WINS.
- If it's an EVEN number...play Tongue-Tied Toyota. Every time you spot a Toyota, say this tongue twister together 5 times: BILLY-BOB-BLABBERED-BOLDLY.

Take ENVELOPE #5 into the restaurant with you and open it after ordering.



ENVELOPE #5: Questions for Entrée Round



Cut out the message, fold, and place in envelope #5

TIME TO GET 'MEATIER'

Since your meal is getting “meatier” so are the questions. Choose one or all!

- Would you rather the two of us spend the day alone at home or doing something with a group of friends? Why?
- What do you want our retirement to look like?
- If God would write the answer down to any one question, what would you ask?
- Would you rather have extra money to spend on a home improvement project or on a vacation?

When finished, head back to the car and open ENVELOPE #6



ENVELOPE #6: Dessert



Cut out the message, fold, and place in envelope #6

NOW FOR THE BEST PART...DESSERT!

Directions

Roll the dice to find out where to go for dessert:

- If you roll an ODD number...eat dessert at _____
- If it's an EVEN number...eat dessert at _____

Before heading to the restaurant, roll the dice and follow these directions:

- If you roll an ODD number...kiss each time you stop at a red light or stop sign.
- If it's an EVEN number...take a kissing selfie and pretend it will be published in the newspaper. What should the caption be?

Take ENVELOPE #7 into the restaurant with you and open it after ordering.



ENVELOPE #7: Questions for Dessert Round



Cut out the message, fold, and place in envelope #7

TALK DESSERT TO ME

Finish off your meal by exploring any or all of these questions.

- If your spouse was named after any dessert, which one would it be? Why?
- What are two things that we are doing a good job of for our marriage/family?
- What are two things we could do a better job of for our marriage/family?
- What has been the best part of this Dacey Date so far?

When finished, head back to the car and open ENVELOPE #8



ENVELOPE #8: Last activity



Cut out the message, fold, and place in envelope #8

1-2-3-4 I DECLARE a THUMB WAR

The first to win two Thumb Wars gets to choose your last activity from the list below. If you're not ready to call it a night after finishing the activity, have another Thumb War and choose something else—or create your own!

- Go for a walk at a park or by the water.
- Kiss each other like one of you is going away to war.
- Go home and watch a movie.
- Sit in the lobby of the airport (or another busy place) and watch people. Make up stories about their lives as they pass by.
- Go to a late movie at the theater.
- Buy a new board game to play when you get home.
- Make a video that teaches viewers how to use a cell phone.
- Go star gazing.
- Turn up the music and dance to your favorite song in the parking lot.
- Make a list of 5 things you want to do together during the next year.

THANKS FOR PLAYING ALONG!

The ending of your Dacey Date is yours to write! ;-)

Always remember that God loves you both so much and He has great plans for your family. Remember to step away from the stress now and then and enjoy some laughs!