Once upon a time, in a forest, there lived a friendly bear named Benny. Benny loved to make new friends and always had a smile on his furry face. One day, Benny woke up and heard music playing in the distance. Curious, he followed the joyful tunes and found his neighbours, the rabbits, having a big picnic in the meadow. They explained to Benny that they were celebrating their bunny twins' birthdays. Benny joined in the fun and learnt that a celebration is when friends and family come together to have a great time, share happiness, and create special memories.

#### Revised questions:

- Have you ever been to a birthday party?
- Do you have friends in your neighbourhood?
- Would you like to plan a birthday party for someone you love?
- Would you like to wake up to music?

### Day 2

In a tiny home on MG Street, there lived a family called the Mehta's. The Mehtas loved making their celebrations unique and special. On Grandma's birthday, they turned their living room into a forest with paper trees and fairy lights. For their family's "Movie Marathon Day," they all wore their comfiest pyjamas, watched their favourite films, and had a movie night in the living room. And on "Artistic Adventure Day," they spent the day painting pictures and creating beautiful artwork together. The Mehtas knew that their unique celebrations made their family bond even stronger, creating memories.

### Revised questions:

- Have you been to a forest before?
- Do you have a favourite movie?
- Do you like movie nights?
- Can you plan a fun day with your family?

# Day 3

In a busy neighbourhood, there was a little girl named Aisha. She had bouncy curly hair and a laugh that made everyone smile. One sunny day, Aisha's family gathered in their backyard for a special party just for her. They put up colourful flags and

Aisha got to pick her favourite food - spaghetti with lots of yummy cheese. While they ate, her parents talked about all the things that made Aisha special, like how good she was at drawing and how she was always kind to animals. After dinner, they played games that Aisha loved, like hide-and-seek and jumping on a bouncy trampoline. When the day was over, and the stars twinkled in the sky, Aisha felt super loved and happy, knowing that celebrating what made her different was a great thing.

#### Revised questions:

- Have you tried cheese before?
- Do you like animals?
- Have you played on a trampoline before?
- Do you think you're special?

## Day 4

In a lovely living room, there sat a grown-up boy named Max, who was now 5 years old. Max's parents brought out a photo album filled with pictures and videos from when he was a little toddler. They showed him snapshots of his first wobbly steps, his first words, and even moments when he tried to build a tall tower with blocks but it toppled over. Max giggled as he saw these memories and listened to his parents' stories about each of those moments. They all laughed and saw how much Max had learned and grown since then, reminding him that it's okay to make mistakes because they help us learn.

### Revised questions:

- Do you have a photo album?
- Would you like to meet your baby self?
- Would you be friends with your baby self?
- Do you think we can learn from our mistakes?

## Day 5

There once was a friendly family who loved celebrating special days. First, they celebrated their parents' anniversary by baking a big heart-shaped cake and singing love songs. Then came little Sarah's birthday, where they had colourful decorations and games. Next up was the house anniversary, marking the day they moved into their home, decorating it with paper streamers and homemade crafts.

And let's not forget their car anniversary, where they washed their car, gave it a new air freshener, and went for a ride together. On Mother's Day and Father's Day, they made breakfast in bed, with hugs and handmade cards. And when Children's Day arrived, it was all about the kids, with picnics, ice cream, and playful adventures. Celebrations in the family were a way to show love, and gratitude, and to have lots of fun together.

#### Revised questions:

- Can you draw a heart shape?
- Have you seen anyone bake before?
- Do you like making crafts?
- Are you excited for any family celebrations?

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## Day 6

Once there was a little girl named Preeti. She had a special friend named Oto, a soft and cuddly bear she had since she was a baby. Preeti and Oto did everything together. They had tea parties with imaginary tea, went on exciting adventures to the top of the toy mountain, and even shared secrets at bedtime. One day, Preeti decided to have a big celebration for Oto's "Otoversary" - the day she first met Oto. She set up a tiny table with her miniature tea set, and they celebrated with cookies in happiness. Preeti learned that celebrating friendship, even with her favourite toys, made her heart feel warm and happy.

- Can you name your favourite toy?
- Do you have a favourite memory with your toy?
- Have you tried cookies before?

On a quiet weekend, Lina and her little brother Amit with her family decided to spend time with nature at their farmhouse. Lina, a curious girl, loved everything about the outdoors. She would visit the big, old tree near their farmhouse and hug it, saying thank you for providing shade on sunny days. When raindrops fell from the sky, Lina and Amit would jump in puddles and celebrate the rain's arrival with giggles. On bright, sunny mornings, they'd say good morning to Mr. Sun and share their breakfast with the chirping birds. Lina knew that every part of nature was worth celebrating because it brought joy and wonder to her world.

#### Revised questions:

- Do you like spending time with nature?
- Do you like the rain?
- Are you curious about the outdoors?
- Do you have breakfast every morning?

### Day 8

There lived a cheerful boy named Aarav. Aarav loved spending time with his family, especially when they celebrated the changing seasons. When it got cold, Aarav's parents would give him a sweater to wear, and they all enjoyed eating hot, delicious soup together. As the weather got warmer, Aarav's family would pack a picnic basket, and they would spend the day at the nearby park, running around and playing games. And when the rains came, Aarav and his little sister, Diya, would put on their raincoats, and rain boots and stomp in puddles while their parents laughed along. Aarav knew that each season brought different things to do, and celebrating them made his family bond even stronger.

- Have you tried soup?
- Do you have a raincoat?
- Have you tried jumping in a water puddle?
- Have you tried on a pair of boots before?

Once upon a time, little Rohan was playing in his garden when his grandfather came to sit beside him. Rohan's grandfather wanted to tell him a special story about their country, India. India was a place with lots of different colours, like the pretty flowers in their garden, and many different people, each with their ways of doing things. Rohan's grandfather started to talk about India's interesting history and some amazing places there. He talked about the Taj Mahal, a big, white building that was made a long time ago to show love. He also talked about the Red Fort, a grand, red fort that looked like a big ripe tomato. Rohan's eyes got wide with excitement as he heard about these special places in India. He felt really happy inside, and he understood that celebrating their country meant loving these special places and the people who lived there.

### Revised questions:

- Do you know who the Taj Mehal was built for?
- Do you know any bedtime stories?
- Do you like listening to bedtime stories?
- Have you visited a garden before?

## Day 10

Arjun and Ankit sat with their Grandfather as he began to tell them a special story about Independence Day. He said, "You know, kids, Independence Day is a day when we celebrate our country's birthday." Arjun and Ankit's eyes sparkled with curiosity. Grandfather continued, "People in our town gather together to have a big party. They wear colourful clothes and wave flags to show how much they love our country." Arjun and Ankit listened closely, and Grandfather went on, "There are songs that make our hearts feel happy, and at night, we look up to the sky. Boom! Fireworks light up like shooting stars! Their faces lit up with excitement as Grandfather said, "We also have picnics, like when we go to the park, eat yummy food, and play fun games with friends and family. It's a day when we remember how lucky we are to live in our wonderful country."

#### Revised questions:

- Do you know when Independence Day is celebrated in India?

- Do you think firecrackers are safe (for the environment)?
- What is your favourite colour in the Indian flag?
- Do you know the Indian National Anthem?

Amit and his sister Anita were sitting with their parents, and they wanted to hear a story about Republic Day. So, their parents began, "It's the day we celebrate the special rules that help our country run smoothly, just like we have rules at home." Amit and Anita nodded, wondering about the rules. Mom continued, "Imagine, just like we follow the rule of keeping our toys tidy and saying please and thank you, our country has rules too. These rules help everyone live together happily and peacefully." Dad added, "On Republic Day, there are big parades with colourful floats, like the ones in the circus. People play music, and some dancers dance in bright clothes. Everyone waves flags, just like how we wave our hands to say hello. And we have picnics, just like our family outings, with yummy food and fun games. It's a day to be happy and thankful for our country and its rules." Amit and Anita smiled, understanding that Republic Day was a big, happy day to celebrate their country and the good rules that make it a wonderful place to live.

### Revised questions:

- Do you think rules are important?
- Can you think of any rules you follow?
- Have you ever broken any rules?
- Do you know when Republic Day is celebrated?

## Day 12

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Maya who loved her family. One day, Maya sat on the steps with her Grandmother and asked, "What are festivals?" Grandma smiled and said, "Festivals are like super fun days that visit us at different times of the year." Maya's eyes got big with excitement. Grandma explained, "Imagine it's a day when we have a big party with our family and friends. Sometimes, we celebrate the yummy food we grow and other times, we remember special people from a long time ago or welcome a new season." Maya nodded, starting to understand. "And you know what, Maya?" Grandma added, "When we

have these festivals, it's like time goes slower, and we make happy memories we'll always remember."

### Revised questions:

- Do you have any memories of celebrating festivals?
- Do you know any special seasons?
- Can you name a person you'd like to celebrate?
- Do you grow a vegetable garden?

## Day 13

Excitement was in the air as the year came to an end, and a brand new year was about to begin. Sammy, a little boy with twinkling eyes, couldn't sit still because he knew something fantastic - New Year's Day was on its way! It was a day when people all around the world celebrated a fresh start.

Now, Sammy was a curious boy who loved learning about different ways to celebrate. His friend, Lily, had just told him about the <u>Chinese New Year</u>. She explained that in far-off China, they welcomed the New Year with giant, colourful dragons dancing through the streets, yummy dumplings that made your tummy smile, and <u>lanterns</u> that glowed like stars in the night sky. Sammy thought it sounded amazing!

Sammy also knew his friend Priya celebrated the Tamil New Year, and it was super special too. She told him they would enjoy lots of yummy sweets and draw beautiful kolam designs on the ground, like making art with pretty, colourful rice.

As Sammy thought about all these exciting celebrations, he couldn't wait for New Year's Day to arrive. He knew it would be like opening a big book full of stories, delicious food, and exciting adventures, and he was ready to jump right in!

#### Revised questions:

- Do you know when New Year is celebrated?
- Do you have any New Year traditions?
- Is New Year a special time for you?
- Do you have any New Year's resolutions?

## Day 14

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Priya. She loved Christmas time, which happened in the wintertime when it was cold outside. During Christmas, Priya's family wore warm sweaters and decorated a big, green tree with shining lights. They also told stories about Santa Claus, who had a big white beard and brought presents for good kids. On Christmas morning, Priya and her family woke up early and went to the tree. They unwrapped presents and laughed a lot. They ate yummy food like turkey and cookies shaped like stars and snowmen. Christmas was a time when everyone felt happy, and they made pretty decorations, and cards, and sometimes danced to fun music. Priya's favourite part was being with her family and feeling the special magic of Christmas.

#### Revised questions:

- Have you ever seen snow?
- Have you made a snowman before?
- When do you think Christmas is celebrated?
- Do you think Santa Claus is real?

## Day 15

It was the festival of Diwali. It happened when the leaves on the trees turned colourful, and the days became shorter. During Diwali, families, like Aryan's, wear their prettiest clothes, like when we dress up for a party. They put small, glowing lamps called diyas in their homes. Aryan's grandma told him stories about a brave prince named Rama, who rescued his wife Sita from a naughty Ravana. People celebrated Diwali to remember this story and to be happy about goodness winning over naughtiness. They are yummy sweets like jalebis and samosas and shared them with their family and friends. Aryan liked Diwali because he got to play with sparkly sticks called sparklers, make Rangoli designs on the ground with powders, and create pretty cards. At night, the sky lit up with fireworks, making everyone feel super happy.

- Have you seen a diya before?
- Do you know the story of Rama and Sita?
- Have made a Rangoli before?
- Can you draw a Rangoli design?

In a happy village, there was a special day called Holi! It happened when winter said goodbye, and spring arrived. On Holi, kids like Maya and her friends wore their old clothes because they were going to play with colours. They gathered outside, and it was like a big paint party with colourful powders. They laughed a lot and threw colours in the air, making everything look like a rainbow. Holi was a time when everyone celebrated the start of spring. They sang songs and danced together. And the best part? They are yummy sweets like round Gulab Jamun and a cool drink. Maya loved Holi because she looked like a rainbow and had so much fun with her friends.

### Revised questions:

- Do you have a favourite sweet?
- Do you know all the colours of the rainbow?
- Is Holi an Indian festival?
- Do you know which season comes before spring?

## Day 17

One cold evening, as the sun went down early, Alex and his friends sat with his Grandma in their living room. They wanted to hear the story of Halloween, so Grandma began, "You know, kids, Halloween is a special time that comes on the night of October 31st. Long ago, people believed that on this night, the world of the living and the world of spirits were very close together." With big, curious eyes, the kids listened as Grandma continued, "They thought that ghosts and spooky creatures could visit our world. So, to stay safe, people dressed up in costumes to look like these spirits. They believed it would help them hide and not get any tricks played on them." Alex's friends smiled and nodded, and Grandma went on, "But now, Halloween is all about having fun! Kids like you wear costumes, go to houses saying 'Trick or treat!' to get yummy candies, and carve pumpkins into funny or spooky faces. It's a day when you can pretend to be someone or something else and have lots of fun with your friends and family." The kids clapped their hands with excitement, imagining the fun they'd have on Halloween night. They couldn't wait to play dress-up, get treats, and enjoy the feeling of autumn, just like in Grandma's story.

### Revised questions:

- Do you know which season comes after autumn?
- Is Halloween scary?
- Can you make a costume?
- Would you like to dress up for Halloween?

## Day 18

In a warm home, there was a special day called Thanksgiving. It came during the days of fall when leaves covered the ground like a carpet. On Thanksgiving, families, including Emma's, wore their comfy clothes because they were going to have a big, yummy meal together. They sat around a table with a golden turkey, creamy mashed potatoes, and sweet pumpkin pie. It was a day to say thanks for all the good things. Emma's grandma told her stories about the first Thanksgiving when the Pilgrims and Native Americans shared a meal. It was a way of saying, "Thank you for being good friends." After eating, families often played games, made pretty pictures with leaves, and even danced to happy songs. Thanksgiving was a time to feel thankful and enjoy being together with loved ones.

### Revised questions:

- Do you have something to be thankful for?
- Have your observed the colours you see on fallen leaves?
- Have you tasted mashed potatoes before?

## Day 19

One day, Abdul, Amina's big brother, sat her down to talk about Eid, a special day. He said, "Amina, do you know why we celebrate Eid? It's a happy day that comes after a month of special prayers and fasting called Ramadan. We celebrate it when the weather is sunny. "As he went on, Abdul explained, "Eid is a time when we get together with our family and friends. We wear our best clothes, sometimes new ones, and go to the mosque for a special prayer. After the prayer, we visit people we love, like our grandparents and friends. It's a time to be with them." Later in the day, they enjoy a big meal with tasty food like biryani and kebabs. Abdul also talked about sharing and caring for others during Eid, like giving to those who need help, called 'Zakat al-Fitr'. Amina's eyes lit up with interest as Abdul mentioned that kids often get Eidi, which can be small presents or money, from grown-ups.

Abdul smiled and said, "And, Amina, we play fun games, make pretty drawings, and sometimes dance to show how happy we are."

### Revised questions:

- Do you like shopping?
- Have you ever celebrated Eid with family or friends?
- Have you helped someone in need?
- Do you think it's important to help others?

## Day 20

Once upon a time, there was a kind grandma named Sakura who loved telling stories to her little granddaughter, Yumi. She said, "Yumi, let me tell you about a wonderful festival in Japan. It happens during the lovely cherry blossom season, usually in the spring." Yumi's eyes sparkled with excitement as her grandma continued, "During this festival, people put on pretty clothes called kimonos. They have bright colours and special designs. They wear these clothes to welcome the blossoming cherry trees." Sakura smiled and added, "At the festival, families sit under these blooming trees and enjoy a special meal. They eat tasty sushi, which is a yummy dish with fish and rice, and sweet mochi treats. While enjoying these yummy foods, they tell stories about brave samurai and clever foxes." "Yumi, the festival is not just about eating," Grandma Sakura said. "Kids like you play fun games like 'Fukuwarai,' where you put together a funny face, and you make pretty origami artwork with colourful paper. Some people even dance in a special way called 'Bon Odori.'" Yumi listened with wonder as her grandma told her about the magical Japanese festival. It was a time when everyone came together to celebrate the arrival of spring, enjoy delicious food, and have lots of fun.

- Have you seen a cherry blossom tree?
- Do you know the colour of cherry blossoms?
- Do you know what Sushi is made of?
- Have you worn a kimono before?