Nem Yean's INTERVIEW

Record a snapshot of your children with a New Year's Interview. Print the interview form, then have each child fill it out. For children too young to read and write, read the questions aloud and record their answers for them.

Try making the occasion special by having ice cream sundaes, snuggling in front of a fire, or sipping hot cocoa while reading everyone's replies. Save the responses, putting the papers in a book or album, and then give the same questionnaire next year at the same time. Over the years you can watch the transformation in your kids' responses – and see evidence of how they are growing and changing.

You don't have to do this right at New Year's – anytime in January would suffice. The point is to have a set time, once a year, in which you "check in" with your kids about who they are, what matters to them, and how they view life. The questions can be adjusted according to the age or interests of your particular children – ask the things you really want to remember about them in the future!

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YEAR:	CHILD'S NAME:
How old are you?	
What is your favorite toy?	
What do you love to learn about?	
How do you like to spend your time?	
Who is your best friend?	
What is your favorite song?	
What is your favorite book?	
What is your favorite movie?	
What is your favorite place to go?	
What are you afraid of?	
What do you do best?	
What is most difficult for you?	

YEAR:	
What do you want to do when you grow up?	
What three words describe you?	
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What makes you happy?	
What makes you sad?	
What do you pray or think about most often?	
What did you love most about last year?	
What do you look forward to the most this year?	
What are the blessings you are most thankful for this past year?	