Learning to socialize is an important part of a child’s early development. Children are not born with these skills. It is through loving and safe interactions with adults and peers that these skills are developed. How can you help your child learn to socialize in every day life? Create a Question Box with your child and upload pictures to share using the hashtag #grow2gether.

Communicating with your child is an easy way to start building socialization skills in your child. Sometimes it is hard to start the conversation so we are going to make a question box to kickstart some fun conversations!

Gather paper, writing utensils, and a box or container. Cut or tear the paper into strips that you can write on. Jot down some questions. Here are a few examples: What was your favorite part of the day? What do you want for dinner? What story do you want to read tonight before bed?

Fold up the strips of paper and put them into the container. When you are looking to connect, grab a few questions from the box and take turns answering them with your child. Let your child’s answers lead the conversation.

Learning on the Go!

- When in the grocery store, ask what items your child would like to buy and have a conversation about what you could make for meals with the items they recommended.
- When reading stories, ask questions about what your child thinks they would do if they were a character in that story. Feel free to answer, too!