

Gameshow quiz to inspire Valentine fun

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Do you remember the popular television game show of the 1970's and 80's called the Newlywed Game? It was hosted by handsome Bob Eubanks, and I was a young fan who rarely missed an episode. In case you are unfamiliar with it, each week the show featured four recently married couples competing to determine which couple knew their mate best. Bob had a charming way of getting the contestants to reveal too much personal information about their relationship, especially when it came to the topic of "whoopee!" Since Valentine's Day is right around the corner, I am wondering if you have made romantic plans with/for your honey. Here are some Newlywed game-inspired questions that might assist you in deciding how to make your 2011 Valentine's Day special (and budget-friendly).

What's your honey's favorite dinner? For Valentine's Day, think of serving his favorite meal; it could mean dinner at a special restaurant, cooking at-home, or ordering take-out. If you do go out, check to see if there are any coupons online.

What's His Favorite Type of Music? There is no better way to set a romantic tone than with some favorite slow jams. Get the music ready in advance, and don't forget to dim the lights. Go to iTunes and consider purchasing that one special song that was playing when you first... danced!

What's Outfit Does Your Spouse Most Like to See You Wearing? Whatever it is, put it on! Celebrate your love and marriage by doing the small, thoughtful things you know will mean a lot to your spouse. (Also consider giving a candlelit back rub with scented massage oil.)

Where and When Does Your Valentine Most Like to Make Whoopee? It can be lots of fun to reminisce with your spouse about moments of intimacy that you have shared together-maybe even in unlikely places (or chat about new things and places you'd like to try this weekend). Consider spending the night in a hotel, if the budget allows, and get away from the demands of your home, so you can truly unwind.

Valentine's Day is about celebrating love with your beloved. Write your honey a letter or poem expressing your devotion. With busy lives, family responsibilities, and demanding schedules,

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it's vital that we become intentional about setting aside time to show we care through meaningful, intimate conversations and flirty, fun, (and sometimes funny) romance with our spouse. It's never too late to **act like newlyweds**. Happy Valentine's Day! Enjoy!

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