

# Conversation Guide

## Lakeport Plantation

Use the conversation guide below while you are onsite for a family picnic or in the car after visiting Lakeport Plantation to continue the conversation about historical topics and what your family learned during their visit.



### Family conversation guide after your visit

- What is something that stood out about what you learned today?
- What is your favorite thing you saw on our tour today?
- Did you notice anything in the home that we have in our house?
- Did you notice anything about the home that was different from our home?
- Did you hear our guide say anything that you have questions about?
- What do you think it would have been like to be a kid growing up at Lakeport?
- Can you believe the Mississippi River used to be right out the dining room window?
- What would be a vegetable you would want to grow in your garden here?
- Did you learn anything about growing cotton that surprised you?
- What things do they make with cotton?
- If you close your eyes and think about Lakeport Plantation, what images do you see? (Consider offering a color page or blank paper to let your children draw images they imagine from conversations today)



### Tough Topics -

*If you are willing to process the topic of slavery and your kids are old enough, you may talk more about the topic.*

- Did you hear or read about the topic of slavery or enslaved people today?
- Do you understand what that is?
- Did you understand why it was the way the Johnson family operated their farm?
- Do you understand why it was wrong?
- What would you have felt if you were a person working at this farm?
- What would you have done the day General Custis came through?
- If you think of anything else you want to discuss on this topic, let me know!

