



How to tell others about Jesus

Sample Session Outline

"It may not be possible to change everything over night, that would not be right. One small thing at a time can make a big difference". Young people, Being Part 2010



Evangelism

"The best decision that anyone can ever make, at any time, in any place, is to follow Jesus Christ." Archbishop Justin Welby

Archbishop Justin Welby wants to make evangelism a priority. So many people are living with no knowledge of what God has done to change their situation. Evangelism means sharing this good news of Jesus, because it's too good to keep to ourselves.

Archbishop Justin wants to listen to voices from throughout the church including those from children and young people.

How can adults listen?

Why not ask the Children / young people of your church to suggest ways of telling others about Jesus. To help this, a simple 30-45 minute conversation session has been developed.

How will the views of children / young people be fed back?

The person leading a conversation will collect the ideas of the children / young people using the 'Feedback Card' template. This is then sent to PCC / Governing body of your church to share with them how the children / young people in your church are saying about how to 'tell others about Jesus'.

Sample session outline (30 - 45mins)

Please feel free to adapt the session to suit the age group of children / young people you work with.

Introductions and an explanation of the session

Explain to the children / young people that you want to hear their ideas about how they can tell their friends and other people about Jesus and that their ideas will be fed back to adults in the church so they can hear what children / young people are saying.

Setting the scene:

Explain that just before Jesus went back to be with God in heaven, he asked his followers to do a very important new job for him, called the Great Commission. The task of the Great Commission was to tell other people about Jesus all over the world and not to stop until the task is finished.

Matthew 28:16-20 What Jesus' Followers Must Do *Read to the group*

Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had told them to meet him. They saw him and worshiped him, but some of them doubted. Jesus came to them and said, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.'

Or Show this video clips if you have access to equipment <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFqTf74COs4>

The Great Commission reading tells us that we have all been invited by Jesus to tell others about him. So how might we do that? To help we are going to look at some cards (16) to give us some ideas, but you can also come up with your own suggestions;

Activity 1: Divide your group into small groups (younger children may need a leader) and explain that each group will be given a set of 16 cards with ideas on about how they might tell other people about Jesus. Their group task is to discuss what is on each card and to pick three with the ideas they like most. There is also a 'question mark card' for their own ideas (they can write or draw on these cards to show their ideas). After several minutes, ask each group to share their top three cards and any other ideas they had. Then ask the whole group to agree on a top three. *Add this information to activity 1 on the feedback card.*

Activity 2:

In the same groups hand out the four question cards and give the children a few minutes to talk about each question:

What do you believe about Jesus?

What do you want people to know about Jesus?

What gets in the way of people following Jesus?

How can the church help more people follow Jesus?

Leaders write some of what the children / young people say on the back of each card. Add this information to activity 2 on the feedback card.

End with a prayer Activity (Example)

Place a cross in the middle of the room and have some Post-it notes and pens available. Invite the children / young people to write a name of a friend or someone they know who they would like to tell about Jesus. Place these around the cross in the middle of the room as a way of offering them up in prayer to God.



Name of your church:

Name of your youth/children's group:

Age range of group consulted: under 11 or over 11

Activity 1: What are the three ideas your group chose to tell others about Jesus?

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Activity 2: Feedback from the question cards

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