

Launch-Off

A short talk about the launch into a new adventure.

This section can be used in conjunction with a video or photos of a rocket launch, of which there are plenty online.

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Suggested script:

I want to finish our time together by thinking about what it means to launch-off into new adventures. In case you are considering it (like I have!), if you want to apply to become an astronaut at the European Space Agency, its website states that you don't necessarily need a degree, but instead must have a high level of technical skills built over many years; it also helps if you are a pilot and are a computer expert. That's before you are even considered for the rigorous training that takes a number of years to complete.

Astronauts must use all the skills and experiences they have learned over many years to be successful when they launch into space.

As some of you are about to embark on your next adventure, you might feel like you are being launched into a new world and are worried that you aren't ready. I want to encourage you that all of your experiences, the skills you have learned and character you have built, is all the preparation you need for the next step in your journey. All the good things that have happened, and especially the challenges and difficult things, are good preparation that will help you navigate the new world you are going into.

Many Christians don't just trust in the experiences they have been through, or just in the training and activities they have done in the past. They trust that God has prepared them Himself, that He has a great destiny for them, and He has a great destiny for us all.

There is a verse in the Bible that says this:

God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would do good works. God had planned in advance those good works for us. He had planned for us to live our lives doing them.

Ephesians 2:10 (International Children's Bible Version)

For each astronaut that goes into space, there is a team behind them who have worked to help prepare them and will help them on their journey. Your teachers have done a fantastic job preparing you and know you are ready - we will be cheering you on as you launch off into an adventure.

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