

Your two best friends argue a lot. Sometimes it feels like they compete for your attention. You are so thankful for your friendship with both of them, but you're tired of being caught in the middle. How can you talk about God in this situation?

Your baseball coach has been benching you a lot lately. You have been putting in extra practice at home, trying to improve your skills. It feels discouraging that he hasn't seemed to notice. How can you talk about God in this situation?

You finally got the courage to audition for the school play. You were hoping for the lead role, but instead, you got understudy. Even though you're disappointed, you know you still have to give it your all. How can you show God to the rest of the cast and crew in the way you see your role?

Your little sister is asking a lot of questions about faith and Jesus and heaven these days. Even though she annoys you frequently, you remember what it was like when you had big questions at her age. Honestly, you still have big questions even now. How can you talk to her about God?

You recently heard about a group of kids who give up their recess time once a week to visit another classroom where they get to spend time with students who have special needs. You want to be a part of this group, but feel nervous that you won't know what to do or say in a new setting like that. How can you show up in a way that would show the people around you that God made them wonderful and loves them?

There are a couple kids your age on the bus who you've known your whole life. Your families have gone to church together for years. But they have started bullying some of the younger kids on the bus. How can you talk about God to them in a way that will hopefully spark a change?

Your mom works so hard to provide you with everything you need. She works two jobs, puts meals on the table, and somehow manages to take you to all the places you have to go. How can you talk about God in a way that will encourage her and show her you appreciate her?

Your next door neighbor is an old man who lives alone. You don't know him very well, but he always waves at you if you happen to be outside at the same time. You've noticed that there aren't many people who come to visit him, and you begin to wonder if he's lonely. How can God's love motivate the way you respond?

For months now, your parents have been promising a summer vacation this year. Your family has had fun brainstorming ideas of places to go and cool things to see and do. Now that it's nearly summer, your dad just found out that his job isn't going to give him the time off. How can you talk about God even when you feel so disappointed?

**What to Do:**

Print on paper and cut apart, one set for each Small Group.

**"Talk Time" Activity Page**

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**Act it out:** Jesus traveled from town to town, healing sick people, and talking about the Kingdom of God.

**Act it out:** Jesus asked His friends what people were saying about Him. They gave answers, such as “John the Baptist,” “Elijah,” or “Jeremiah.”

**Act it out:** Peter gave an answer about who Jesus is: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.” Jesus blessed Peter, and said: “On this rock, I will build my church.”

**Act it out:** Jesus knew not everyone was ready to hear the news about who He was, so He told His friends not to tell anyone about Him being the Messiah.

**Monologue about it:** Something that God has done in your life.

**Monologue about it:** Why it’s sometimes hard to talk to others about God.

**Monologue about it:** How you would explain to your best friend who Jesus is.

**Monologue about it:** A commitment that you have, and why it may be challenging to stay committed to it.

**Mark 16:15**

**Psalms 105:1-2**

**1 Chronicles 16:8**

**Acts 4:20**

**1 Timothy 4:8**

**Isaiah 63:7**

**Psalms 40:5**

**Hebrews 13:15**

**Matthew 28:9-10**

**Luke 4:43**

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**"Free Throw Verses" Activity Page**  
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