How to Talk to Your Kids About Faith

4 EASY WAYS TO GET STARTED

One of the best ways to equip your kids for life is by talking about faith.

Preparing our kids to reflect Christ takes more than a Sunday morning church service or a Christian education. It takes you! Having conversations about faith opens the door for faith-filled character to flourish. If you're unsure where to start, we can help!

Here are 4 practical ways to start talking to your kids about faith.

01 GIVE YOUR KIDS YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

Conversations about faith, even with young kids, are important. It's worth it to make sure you can be fully engaged by eliminating distractions. Put your phone away. Turn off the TV. Give your kids the clear indication that they have your attention. This doesn't promise a perfect conversation, but it does mean that you are building trust with your kids.

02 LISTEN MORE & TALK LESS

As parents, you know it isn't always easy to let our kids do all the talking. Some days, they talk nonstop! However, when it comes to conversations about faith, it's important to listen. Ask your kids open-ended questions, like, "What do you think it means to follow Jesus?" or "How do you think Jesus would act in this situation?" Let them answer, and give them the freedom and space to elaborate if they want. When you listen more and talk less, your kids start to feel comfortable sharing their thoughts because they know they have a listening ear.

03 BRING FAITH INTO EVERYDAY SITUATIONS

Talking about faith doesn't require an ideal time or place. You can talk about faith anywhere. Look for opportunities in ordinary situations where faith played a role. Maybe the employee at the drive-thru was a little rude earlier that day. As you're leaving, mention it to your child and discuss why our faith can make a difference in the ways we treat others. Maybe your kids are fighting over a toy and tears are shed. Share with your kids why our faith equips us to love one another and forgive, even when we want to be angry. Look for ways to make faith part of your day-to-day life, and the conversations will come naturally.

04 PRAY WITH YOUR KIDS

One of the best ways to start talking to your kids about faith is by sharing your faith with them. Praying together is like letting them see your faith at work. Pray before you eat together, before bedtime, or before they go school. Make prayer part of your family life in any way that works for you, and share with your kids why you do it. Follow up with your kids about how God has answered prayers you have prayed as a family. When prayer becomes part of their everyday life, you'll find it easier to discuss faith, God, and ways to follow Jesus.

Talking about faith with your kids is one of the many steps you can take in making sure they're equipped for a bright future.

At Concordia Lutheran School, it's important to us that your kids feel safe to grow into who God made them to be. We partner with families like yours to equip children of all ages to be citizens of high character who reflect Christ in all they do. Your child has unique needs, and we'd love to help. Join us for an Open House on [date]! You can meet our teachers, learn about our school, and see what makes our high-quality education different from anywhere else.

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