

# FAITH TALKS

*Samples from the Curriculum*



EVANGELISM EXPLOSION  
INTERNATIONAL

# About This Curriculum

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## FAITH TALKS

an evangelism curriculum that focuses on discipling high school students to effectively share their faith.

### WHAT ARE PASTORS SAYING?



**It will make a world of difference for someone who wants to understand where their meaning is found.**

– Pastor Arik (New York)

**I think Faith Talks is going to give some really good tools for the next generation to be able to own their faith and to share the truths of their faith.**

– Pastor Charles (Ohio)

**This is a tool that's needed.**

– Pastor Johnny (Florida)



RESEARCH SHOWS THAT  
**ONLY 19%**  
OF CHRISTIAN TEENS  
HAVE BEEN DISCIPLED  
TO SHARE THEIR FAITH.

**IMAGINE THE  
DIFFERENCE  
THERE WOULD BE  
IF MORE TEENS  
WERE DISCIPLED  
IN HOW TO SHARE  
THEIR FAITH!**

*Barna Research: Reviving Evangelism  
in the Next Generation, 2021*

**Faith Talks** equips the next generation to effectively share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Students live in a culture of shifting identities and competing worldviews. This curriculum provides practical tools to disciple students, strengthen their identity in Christ, and ignite their passion for sharing the Gospel. This curriculum has been developed with these four concepts:

- **Discipleship**
- **Identity in Christ**
- **Testimony development**
- **Evidential truths of the Christian faith**

# Faith Talks Gospel Outline

Faith Talks equips students to share the Gospel in a way that's easy to learn and hard to forget! We use our hand as a simple reminder—each finger stands for a key point of the Gospel, so students always have it with them wherever they go.



## LIFE

**Dialogue Point #1:** "Life is a journey."

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 1:2

**Dialogue Point #2:** "This isn't the life God intended for us."

**Scripture:** John 10:10b

**Illustration:** Owner's Manual

**Transition:** "We don't experience the life God intended for us because..."



## JESUS

**Dialogue Point #1:** "Jesus is 100% God and 100% man."

**Scripture:** John 1:1, 14

**Dialogue Point #2:** "Jesus paid our debt and conquered the grave."

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

**Illustration:** Record of Sin

**Transition:** "Jesus removes the separation between us and God through faith."



## US

**Dialogue Point #1:** "We have all sinned."

**Scripture:** Romans 3:23

**Illustration:** Missing the Mark

**Dialogue Point #2:** "We are separated from God."

**Scripture:** Isaiah 59:2

**Transition:** "Our sin separates us from God because..."



## FAITH

**Dialogue Point #1:** "Faith is trusting in Jesus alone."

**Scripture:** John 14:6

**Dialogue Point #2:** "Faith in Jesus restores us to God."

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:18a-19a

**Illustration:** Boat

**Transition:** "Does this make sense to you?"



## GOD

**Dialogue Point #1:** "God is holy."

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 1:16

**Dialogue Point #2:** "God is merciful."

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2:4-5a

**Illustration:** Rebel Leader

**Transition:** "God's mercy is demonstrated through Jesus."



## RESPONSE

Ask Qualifying Question

Ask Commitment Question

Clarify the Commitment

Prayer of Commitment

Time of Assurance

Means of Growth

# Sample Teaching Video

Each unit has a teaching video. These videos are made available at all times for your students to review in their app. Check out Unit 7's video, which is a demonstration of the **Jesus Gospel Point** that students can share in a Gospel conversation.



[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE JESUS GOSPEL POINT](#)

# Sample Illustration Video

Within the Faith Talks Gospel strategy, there are five different Gospel Points that students are equipped with. Each of the Gospel Points has an illustration that supports it and can be shared. Check out the **Record of Sin illustration**, which is used to illustrate the **Jesus Gospel Point**.



[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE RECORD OF SIN ILLUSTRATION](#)

# Sample Lesson: Unit 7

Each unit has a lesson, and they have been created to be interactive to engage students. There are a total of 12 different units. Check out the lesson from **Unit 7**.



## LESSON (25 MINUTES)

### 🗨️ EQUIPPING — JESUS GOSPEL POINT

**Dialogue Point #1: “Jesus is 100% God and 100% man.”\***

#### EXPLAIN

##### • How is Jesus 100% God?

- » Jesus performed miracles that no man could ever do (healings, raising people from the dead, turning water into wine, feeding thousands of people, and casting out demons).
- » He was not born naturally like mankind. He fulfilled the prophecy from Isaiah 7:14—born of a virgin and conceived by the Holy Spirit.
- » Jesus’ holiness makes Him perfectly righteous and without sin, because He is God.
- » Jesus overcame death, which is something only God can do.
- » Jesus Himself said that He is God (John 10:30).

##### • How is Jesus 100% man?

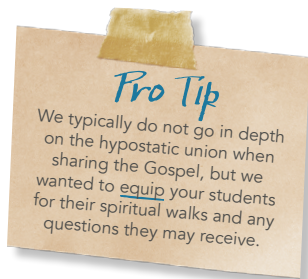
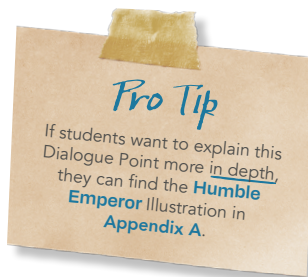
- » Jesus is described as Emmanuel, which means God with us. He was God who lived alongside and ministered to humanity.
- » He had a human body with the same physical needs we all have. He had to drink water, eat food, and sleep.
- » He experienced emotions just like us. Scripture records Jesus weeping, joyful, sad, compassionate, empathetic, and more.
- » He experienced temptation but did not sin.

##### • **When God became a man in the Person of Jesus Christ, He did not stop being God.**

- » Jesus is 100% God and 100% man at the same time, which is known as the hypostatic union.

#### EMPHASIZE

- **Use this question or one like it to have dialogue within the conversation:**
  - » Why do you think it is important for Jesus to be both God and man?



\* Have the group repeat these to help them memorize the Gospel outline.

**Scripture:** Transition to the Scripture by saying something like: “Here’s what the Bible says about Jesus being both God and man...”

**John 1:1, 14—** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” \*

- » John refers to Jesus as the “Word,” which is *Logos* in Greek. It is the personification of God’s revelation—who is Jesus!
- » Jesus was there in the beginning—“Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...” (Genesis 1:26). This shows the trinity of God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- » Jesus came to earth and was born as a human—full of grace, truth, and God’s glory.

## Dialogue Point #2: “Jesus paid our debts and conquered the grave.” \*

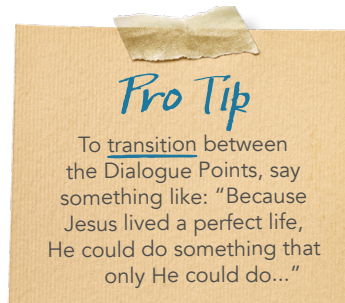
### EXPLAIN

#### ▪ **Jesus paid our debts.**

- » Our sin is a moral debt because we violated God’s perfect standard.
- » Romans 6:23 says, “For the wages of sin is death,” and that is the payment for our sin—a spiritual death!
- » Jesus voluntarily took on the punishment that we all deserve.
- » Jesus’ crucifixion was one of the most gruesome murders that has ever happened to an innocent person.
- » Before Jesus died, He cried out, “It is finished!” The Greek word for this is an accounting term used in business when a transaction is made and a payment is completed.
- » The only reason our sins can be forgiven is because of Jesus’ blood shed on the cross.

#### ▪ **Jesus conquered the grave.**

- » Jesus did not stay dead after He was crucified. He was buried in a tomb, and three days later, He came back to life. Death wasn’t an unbeatable force for Him.
- » The resurrection offers hope that death isn’t the final word for us either. Believers have the assurance of eternal life.
- » Jesus proved that He is alive and has the power to forgive and restore us to God.
  - He appeared to the disciples, more than 500 people at the same time, his family, and a persecutor of Christians—Saul, known as the Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 15:5-8).



- **Jesus offers us a restored relationship to God.**
  - » Jesus' sinless life made His death on the cross sufficient for paying the debts of mankind.
  - » Since we are free from the penalty of sin through Jesus, we can now have a personal relationship with God!

**EMPHASIZE**

- **Use this question or one like it to have dialogue within the conversation:**
  - » What is the greatest act of love someone has done for you?

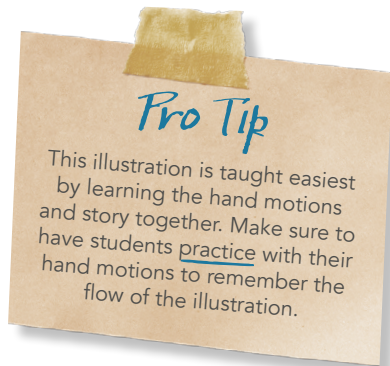
**Scripture: Transition to the Scripture by saying something like: "Here's a Scripture in God's Word that tells us about what Jesus did to restore us to God.."**

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4—*"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."* \***

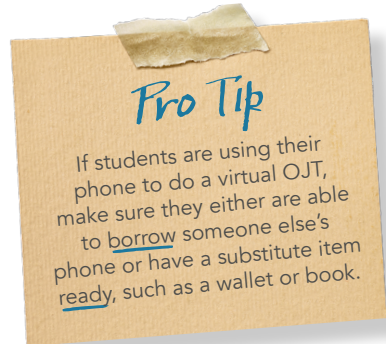
- » The Gospel is of first importance— Jesus died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and now offers us restoration to God.
- » We must pass on the Gospel.
- » Paul says, "according to the Scriptures." Jesus' life, death, and resurrection fulfilled prophecy found throughout the Word of God.

**Illustration: Record of Sin**

- **Teach the Record of Sin Illustration by modeling it for the students:**
  - » Imagine my phone has recorded every moment of my life since birth, all stored in the cloud where I can't delete anything. There are amazing memories—like learning to drive, acing exams, and traveling for the first time. I'd love to share those! But there are also moments I'm not proud of, like stealing, cheating, and lying. These memories are forever part of me.
  - » **(Place the phone in your left hand)** God has access to my phone, and He knows all of my sins. This creates a separation between me **(point to the hand under the phone)** and Him **(hold up your right hand)**. I could try to turn my life around **(turn the phone around)**, I could try to erase my search history, I could try to get a new phone **(flip the phone over)**, but the truth is, my sins will forever be on the cloud and will show up and get in the way of me being able to have a right relationship with God.



- » That's why Jesus came to earth (**bring your right hand down next to your left**). He died on the cross for my sins, offering us new life and full access to God. Isaiah 53:6 says, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray; and the Lord has laid on Him the sin of us all" (**As "laid on Him" is spoken, transfer the phone to your right hand**). Then Jesus said, "It is finished" (**Put your phone away**). He was buried for three days but rose from the dead, overcoming the grave (**Bring your right hand back above the left**). Now we can have a wonderful relationship with God because of what Jesus did (**Clasp hands together**).



- **Have students pair up to practice this illustration with one another.**

**Transition: "Jesus removes the separation between us and God through faith..." \***

### **CLOSING THOUGHTS**

- **Wrap up the lesson with these closing thoughts:**
  - » When sharing the Jesus Gospel Point, be aware that many people know facts about Jesus, but few know that He was and is God.
  - » What Jesus did on the cross gives Christians hope of being with God forever in Heaven, and that hope is available to others as well.



# Sample Podcast

Students have access to many resources within their Faith Talks app. One of those resources is a podcast that they can watch/listen to, which is supplemental content that supports what the students are about to start learning. Check out **Podcast #4 - The Truth of Sin**, which students will engage with before they go through **Unit 5 - Us Gospel Point**.



[CLICK HERE TO WATCH PODCAST #4 - THE TRUTH OF SIN](#)

# Sample Testimony Handout

Faith Talks uses two handouts carefully crafted to equip students with a strategy on how they can share their testimony. Our testimony in Jesus Christ is be a powerful tool that can benefit any Gospel conversation. Check out this testimony handout that is for believers who came to Christ later in life.

## FAITH TALKS

Student Handout: Testimony Development

### TESTIMONY DEVELOPMENT | LATER IN LIFE CONVERSION

#### WHAT CHANGES HAS GOD HELPED WITH IN YOUR LIFE (NEGATIVE TO POSITIVE)?

##### SOME EXAMPLES:

FROM NEGATIVE	TO POSITIVE	FROM NEGATIVE	TO POSITIVE
Worries/Anxiety	Inner Peace	Loneliness	He's Always With Me
Guilt/Shame	Forgiveness	Addictions/Habits	Power to Change
Anger/Temper	Patience and Love	Self-Centeredness	Love for Other People
Emptiness/Lack of Purpose	Purpose in Life	Despair/Depression	Hope
Low Self-Esteem	Significance to God	Boredom With Life	Adventure With God
Poor Health	Strength to Keep On	Fear of Death	Assurance of Heaven
Disappointment	Trust in God's Plan	"Something is Missing"	Sense of Fulfillment
Insecurity	Confidence and Security	Bitterness/Resentment	Freedom From My Past
Regrets	A Second Chance at Life	Pain of Rejection	God's Unconditional Love
Fears	Faith to Face My Fears	Family Problems	Changes in My Family

#### IF YOU GAVE YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST AFTER CHILDHOOD, DEVELOP YOUR TESTIMONY IN FOUR PARTS USING THE CHANGES ABOVE FOR YOUR STORY:

**PART 1** — Describe one negative part of your life before you started a relationship with God.

**Start by saying:** "Before I started my relationship with God..."

After explaining the negative, illustrate it with a story from your life: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART 2** — Next, say: "Then I started my relationship with God."

**PART 3** — Describe the positive change God has caused related to this part of your life

**Continue by saying:** "After I started my relationship with God..."

After explaining the positive, illustrate it with a story from your life: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART 4** — End by expressing that your relationship with God goes on forever.

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# Sample Devotionals

Students have access to a 5-day devotional after every unit they complete! Each devotional is intended to assist the content they are going through within the lessons. Check out these two devotions that are available after Unit 7 is completed.

## FAITH TALKS

*Going Forward Devotionals*

### Unit 7

#### DAY 1

**Title:** Thirsty for More

**Scripture:** John 4:1–26

**Devotional:**

Have you ever been exercising and realized you were thirsty for a drink of water? The need for water demands your attention, almost hijacking any other thought or priority at the moment. The reason may be that, as humans, we constantly need water in order to survive. It's a top priority of ours. Oftentimes, our physical condition is a mere reflection of our spiritual condition.

We are not just in need of physical water, but spiritual water as well. The Samaritan woman was collecting water at a well in the middle of the day in Israel. The common practice during that time was to gather water early in the morning because that was when the water was the coolest. This might make us wonder why the Samaritan woman was going to the well at this time of day.

What we learn from her interaction with Jesus is that it's likely she did not want to see people, and people didn't want to see her. This was why she was going to the well at such a different time than was customary. She was an outsider—one who was rejected—but she was also someone who was thirsty and in need of water. This was when she encountered the source of Living Water!

**Today's Thought:** Jesus was clear that He is the Living Water, and that anyone who drinks from Him will never go thirsty again. What is striking was how He encountered this Samaritan woman. He revealed all of the skeletons in her closet. It was not to hurt or shame her but rather to reveal to her that the places she had gone to quench her thirst had failed her. Only Jesus could satisfy the thirst in her soul forever. And He doesn't just do this for the Samaritan woman, but for us too.

**Reflection:**

- Have you ever found yourself thirsty for love, acceptance, or purpose? Where did you find yourself going to quench this thirst? What were the results of it?
- How does this interaction that Jesus had with this woman apply to the need for sharing the Gospel with others?

**Prayer:**

God, You are the Living Water that my soul needs. Help me to not chase after water that does not satisfy, but to seek You alone. There are people in this world that are experiencing a thirst that cannot be satisfied by worldliness. Help me to bring those people to You, the Living Water. Amen.

**Scripture Memory:**

**John 14:6**—"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

**2 Corinthians 5:18a–19a**—"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ...not counting people's sins against them."

# FAITH TALKS

## Going Forward Devotionals

### Unit 7

#### DAY 2

**Title:** Alive and Well

**Scripture:** Luke 24:1–12

**Devotional:**

Imagine a father out shopping for gifts for his family on Christmas Eve. While out and about, a tragedy happens. The father was struck by a car as he crosses through an intersection, and it kills him instantly. The first responders are contacted, and they arrive almost immediately. Bystanders stand around in shock after witnessing this tragedy. Then, the father is pronounced dead, and horrible news is given to his family.

A few days later, on New Year's Eve, this family wakes up to find their father alive and well in their living room. The family is blown away, but they are excited, relieved, and celebrating the miracle. The family goes out and tells everyone of the great news! Their father was once dead, and now he is alive.

This story may sound unbelievable, but this is what is happening in Luke 24. Jesus was tragically killed, and many people witnessed His death and burial. A few days later, some women took spices to Jesus' burial site, only to discover that Jesus had risen! What did they do? They went back and began to tell everyone that Jesus is alive and well.

**Today's Thought:** The resurrection story is not an old wives' tale. It is a historical event that actually took place. While it may seem like an impossibility, we have to be reminded that we are talking about God being raised from the dead—nothing is impossible for Him. There are eyewitness accounts of His resurrection, and all of them died for what they knew was true. Jesus is alive and well, and you get to run and tell others, too.

**Reflection:**

- Have you ever struggled believing in the resurrection of Jesus? Do you think others have a hard time believing it? Why?
- How does the fact that there are several eyewitness accounts about the resurrection of Jesus impact your faith?

**Prayer:**

God, thank You for the truth and reality of Your resurrection. The eyewitnesses of Your resurrection are recorded by multiple people, and I am thankful for their testimony. Jesus, would You give me the faith to believe in the resurrection with all of my heart and to proudly proclaim this news to those around me? Amen.

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# Faith Talks App

The Faith Talks app serves as a student handbook and has many features for the students' discipleship. The app provides ways for students to engage with the content they are learning in class. The app also has supplemental content that allows the students to go deeper.

