

FORBIDDEN TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

EPISODE 1: JESUS GETS YOU

look back

First, **LOOK BACK** at the past week by asking, “How did we do?” Begin with prayer, then check in with one another—sharing honestly, celebrating victories, acknowledging struggles, and graciously offering practical help.

 **PRAYER** - Begin with prayer, inviting Jesus into the conversation.

Since this is the first episode in this series, take time to:

- Share what brought you to this study and what you hope to gain.
- Talk about any situations where you’ve felt unable or unwelcome to share your faith with family members or friends.
- Ask God to give your group wisdom, compassion, and hope as you begin this journey together.

look up

Next, **LOOK UP** to God’s Word by asking, “What does Jesus want us to know?” If you haven’t already, watch this week’s video: “*Jesus Gets You*.” Then use the summary, questions, and Scriptures below to draw out the main truths together.

 **WATCH: Episode 1: Jesus Gets You**

Episode Summary

Being forbidden to share your faith with those you love can be heartbreaking, but Jesus understands that pain better than anyone. He experienced rejection from His own family and reminds us that following Him will sometimes create division, even in our closest relationships. Rather than becoming discouraged, we can find comfort in knowing that our desire to share the Gospel pleases Him, our spiritual family is real, and His presence grows even stronger in seasons of rejection.

Take heart. Don't let the enemy fill you with doubt or despair.

HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES

Whether you’re studying on your own or with a group, each guide follows a simple yet powerful rhythm: **Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward**. For group leaders, additional instructions for leading a small group are included at the end of the first workbook in each series.

ABOUT THIS STUDY

This series helps grandparents navigate one of the growing challenges of our time: being forbidden from sharing their faith with those they love most. Each episode offers biblical perspective, practical wisdom, and lasting hope for those facing rejection because of their faith. The goal is not to provoke conflict or win arguments, but to help you respond with truth, love, and confidence while trusting God to continue His work.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Why do you think conversations about faith have become increasingly difficult within many families today?
2. How does it encourage you to know that Jesus understands what it feels like to be rejected by His own family?
3. Why do you think passing our faith to the next generation is so important throughout Scripture?
4. Jesus remained faithful even when His own family misunderstood Him. What can we learn from His example when our faith creates tension with those we love?
5. How can we continue loving family members well while respecting their boundaries and remaining faithful to Christ?

Episode Notes

1. Jesus understands your pain.

- Jesus knows what it feels like to be rejected by His own family.
 - When others reject your faith, He draws near to those who are hurting.
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2. Your desire to share your faith honors God.

- Throughout Scripture, God calls His people to pass their faith to the next generation.
 - Jesus delights in your desire to point others to Him.
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3. Rejection is part of following Jesus.

- Family rejection is painful, but it is not unusual for followers of Christ.
 - Our spiritual family in Christ is eternal, and Jesus promises His presence in our suffering.
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WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?

Mark 3:31–35 - “Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, ‘Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.’ ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.’” Jesus reminds us that while our earthly families are precious, our spiritual family is eternal and united through obedience to Him.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Matthew 19:14 - Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Jesus’ love for children reminds us why passing our faith to the next generation matters so deeply.



Finally, **LOOK FORWARD** by asking, “What does Jesus want us to do?” Commit to practical steps for living out this week’s lesson. Review the assignment, share commitments with the group, pray for one another, and move forward together in faith and hope.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Deuteronomy 6:6–7
2 Timothy 1:5.

THIS EPISODE’S ASSIGNMENT

This week, identify one person with whom sharing your faith has become difficult. Rather than becoming discouraged, spend time praying specifically for that person and ask God to help you respond with patience, wisdom, and Christlike love.

Then look for one practical way to demonstrate the love of Christ through your actions, trusting that your faithful witness often speaks louder than words.

PERSONAL GROWTH COMMITMENTS



- What has God laid on my heart?
- What is the Holy Spirit leading me to change?
- What will I do in my own life, in my relationships, and to reach next-gen loved ones?

SHARE WITH THE GROUP



Encourage sharing commitments, prayer needs, and personal experiences. Close in prayer, asking Jesus to comfort those who have experienced rejection, strengthen their faith, and help them faithfully reflect His love to those who may not yet be ready to hear His message. Thank Him that when others may not understand us, He always does.



ESSENTIALS FOR LEADING A SMALL GROUP

These principles help create a safe, encouraging environment where everyone can grow and connect:

- **Begin with Prayer** – Invite Jesus into the meeting and ask for His guidance.
- **Create a Welcoming Setup** – Sit in a circle so everyone can see each other.
- **Facilitate, Don't Lecture** – Guide the conversation using thoughtful, Scripture-based questions.
- **Stay on Mission** – Gently redirect if conversation strays into politics or unrelated topics.
- **Model Grace & Openness** – Be transparent about your own journey, admit you don't have all the answers, and set expectations for confidentiality.
- **Build Relationships** – Include social time before or after the session.
- **Follow the Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward Rhythm** – Celebrate progress, offer grace for struggles, and encourage one another as you grow together.



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