

Session Five

Sharing our Faith

Essential Question: How do I share my faith?

Scriptures: Matthew 28:19-20

Materials or technology that may be helpful: 1 white plate with edges (preferable not paper), milk, food coloring, cotton swab, small dish, and dishwashing soap.

Sharing our faith is something that we are called to do as a believer. Jesus tells us in Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." But how do we share our faith, and how do we teach our children to share their faith?

As you begin this discussion about faith, remind you child that faith is having complete trust or confidence in someone or something.

The example we used in lesson one was the chair. When we sit down in a chair, we have faith that it will hold us.

When you received Jesus and had faith in Him, you became a child of God.

In session 2 we began to understand that Jesus has changed our relationship with Him. In this new relationship, Jesus calls us His child and He wants to make us "**Fishers of Men**".

This new relationship with Jesus changes our relationship with others. We need to tell our friends who do not know Jesus about Him.

Use this illustration to help your child understand the importance of praying and asking God to help them share Jesus through the power of the **Holy Spirit**.

Talk about the milk on the plate as being the world. The world is plain and it is waiting for something good to happen; they are waiting to hear some Good News.

We, as **followers** of Jesus, have been **called to share** this Good News of what Jesus did for us on the cross. As you add drops of food coloring onto different areas of the milk, talk about the different people who live in your town or your community.

Now take the cotton swab and drag it from one color to the next. Jesus has told us that we are to share the Gospel with others.

God hasn't called us to do this on our own but through His power. The power of the Holy Spirit that we received when we believed in Jesus and received Him into our lives. The Bible promises that the **Holy Spirit** will help us know what to say when we are telling others about Jesus.

Dip the end of the cotton swab into the dishwashing soap. Something amazing begins to happen when the power of the Holy Spirit is released. The Gospel spreads to everyone and the many lives are changed.

That is the power of the Gospel and what Christ was referring to in Matthew 28:19-20 that was referred to at the very beginning of this lesson.

Living out our faith is super important; however, if we want to be “**Fishers of Men,**” we must tell others about Jesus’ saving grace.

How will people know Jesus if someone doesn’t tell them about Him? Spend time with your child and identify someone (a child or adult) who needs to hear the Gospel. It could be a friend in school or someone in your family. Commit to pray for them daily with your child.

Spend some time role-playing with your child. Ask them to tell you about their experience of how Jesus has changed their life.

Find a way that works best for your child to share his or her faith. Most of the time, the best way is to share your personal story of how Jesus has changed your life.

Other ways to share your faith

1. Believe, Receive, Become
2. The ABCs - Admit, Believe, and Confess
3. 3Ps and an R - We have a problem; God has a plan; He provided; and we must respond or receive.
4. God rules; we sinned; God provided; Jesus gives; and we respond.

Remember, as any relationship with Jesus grows, the ability and ways to share the Gospel will grow and develop as well.

It is vitally important that your child knows that we cannot save anyone. It is the Holy Spirit’s job, not ours, to convict a heart. We are simply to share the Gospel. If the person that you are sharing the Gospel to decides not to accept Jesus, your child **did not** fail. Your child was obedient in obeying what God asked - telling others about Jesus.