Asking for a Friend 1

Main Idea

When it comes to faith, it is normal to have questions. God isn't scared of our questions – He can even use them to help us grow closer to Him.

Starter

Are there people in your life who are hesitant to trust Jesus? If yes, what questions do they have?

Discuss

Do you have any questions, concerns, or fears about sharing your faith with others?

Scripture

Pick someone to read 1 Peter 3:13-18 and discuss:

- What does it say about *how* we are to share our faith with others?
- In your own words, what does it mean to give "a reason for the hope you have in Christ?"
- When was the last time you talked with someone who isn't a Christian about Jesus? How did it go?
- If someone who isn't a Christian asked you what you believe about Jesus and why, what would you say?

Coach your group through an exercise in practicing sharing the Gospel with someone. It's important to emphasize that you don't need all the answers to share the Gospel. The Good News of Jesus and the story of the Bible are simple enough for a child to understand, but also powerful enough to save us and invite us into God's Kingdom now and forever.

Have your group partner up and "practice" sharing the Gospel using <u>I Peter 3:18</u>.

• Use this verse to share the good news of what Jesus has done to save us and why that matters. If you need a visual aid, check out the "3 ways to draw the Gospel on a napkin" resource on the next page.

Apply

Have your group process two things:

- 1. What did you learn as you practiced sharing the Gospel together?
- 2. Where is one place in your life you feel most called to bring the Gospel to in your life?

Spend time praying for each other to have opportunities to share the hope of Jesus with others.

Make sure to let your group know about the Growth Track resources if they want to dig deeper into questions about faith and to find tools for spiritual growth and sharing the Gospel.

• Gethope.net/growthtrack

3 WAYS TO DRAW THE GOSPEL ON A NAPKIN





