

Faith

Conversation Guide

for Parents of Elementary Schoolers

Faith. In the elementary school years, kids become equipped with the skills they need to discover more about faith, and they have an active imagination that leads them to ask questions about their world and what they experience. As they learn new stories from the Bible, you'll be amazed at the questions they start to consider. The best thing to remember is to treat each question with care. How you respond to your kids each time they have questions about faith will determine if they continue to talk to you about their faith. Your role is to...

Provoke Discovery



So they will TRUST GOD'S CHARACTER AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S FAMILY.

Authentic Faith

Trusting Jesus in a way that transforms how I love God, myself, and the rest of the world.

To elementary schoolers (K-3rd), say things like . . .

"Can I pray about that with you?"

"You can trust God no matter what."

"You need to make the wise choice."

"You should treat others the way you want to be treated."

"I'm not sure where that passage is. Let's look it up together." (Teach them to use a concordance and digital reference book.)

"Don't ever get tired of doing the right thing." 2 Thessalonians 3:13 (Repeat and memorize simple Bible verses together.)

"When I first trusted Jesus . . ." (Share your own faith story.)

"I'm sorry your friend's mom is sick. What could we do to help?" (Make service personal. Encourage them to serve people who matter to them.)

To elementary schoolers (4th-5th), say things like . . .

"How can I pray for you today/this week?"

"Having faith isn't always easy, but we can trust God no matter what."

"What do you think is the wisest choice in this situation?"

"Do not be afraid, for the Lord your God is with you." Joshua 1:9 (Repeat simple Bible verses.)

"If you were them, how do you think you would want to be treated?"

"Have you read anything in the Bible that means a lot to you right now?" (Talk about the Bible.)

"Did you know that the Bible was written as 66 different books, but they all tell one story?" (Connect the dots between the stories to give a bigger context.)

"I've been wanting to volunteer more. Is there somewhere we could serve together." (Consider serving at your church or a local ministry that appeals to your kid's interests.)