

# Faith Talk Tips



Opportunities abound for building relationships of trust with others by listening to and getting to know the people God brings into your life! Through His Word, God can help you to be sensitive to needs and ways to share the Gospel.

▲ Do you have a friend who is worried or anxious? Listen. Then reply, “When I start to worry about something, I remember that often worry is accepting responsibility God never intended me to have.” Offer to pray with your friend and give the concern back to God! (Matthew 6:25–27, 33–34)

▲ If a young mother you know needs an occasional break, offer to pick up her children for Sunday School. Once you build a bond of trust, she might join you. (Titus 2:3–4)

▲ Everyone is sad at times, but there are some who seem to lack joy and purpose in life. You can empathize and share, “I sometimes have ‘down’ times, and it helps me to remember that God loves me, promises to always be with me, and knows how I am feeling right now. He knows how you are feeling, too. He loves you; do you know that?” (Psalm 51:10–13)

▲ When a family member or friend shares an “impossible” situation with you, confess that it might seem like something you cannot solve, but you know that all things are possible for God! (Mark 10:27)

▲ When tragedy strikes, those suffering often question God’s action in our world. Share with them that God loves all people, and He desires for all to be saved. Pray with them and help them look for ways to see God’s hand in the disaster. God gives us opportunities when disasters strike to be Jesus’ hands and feet, showing mercy and compassion in tangible ways. (Isaiah 55:8–9)