

Telling the Story

When I think of the best things that have happened in my life, I want to tell people about them. When I think about the amazing things other people have done, I want to hear about them. Story telling is such a big part of our day to day life. People read stories, listen to stories, watch stories and tell their own stories. Story telling is how we learn as children and how we engage with people we haven't met before. A great story, one that is really exciting, is worth sharing with other people. A great story, one that is life changing, will be listened to.

Jesus came to Earth to proclaim the Good News of God. This story was so great that He did not stop talking about it. Unfortunately for some of us, we do not know how we begin telling the story of Jesus. We are scared that we are not clever enough or that we do not pray or read the Bible enough. We are scared we might not say the right words or that people will not listen to us. God is not concerned about that. He wants us to share what we do have with anyone that we can. He wants to begin with you just as you are.

The purpose of this module is to help students move beyond what they have learned in the previous modules and equip them to begin having a faith that they can share with other people in a variety of different ways.

In lesson 1 we are going to look at having a **contagious faith**. When you look at the life of Jesus you cannot ignore that people were drawn to Him. Students will think about contagious faith in the life of Jesus and in the life of those around them. They will understand that it is not something that is turned on or turned off, it is something that is consistent without compromising their faith.

In lesson 2 we are going to look at having an **active faith**. A faith without action goes stale. Jesus did not just sit and hope that people would knock on his door so he could speak to them. Jesus went out and lived a faith of action. Students will think about active

faith in the life of Jesus and in the life of those around them. This session will aim to move students from a faith that plans action to one that lives action.

In lesson 3 we are going to look at having a **Christ-like faith**. To be a Christian literally means to be a little Christ. In our thoughts, in our actions and in our attitudes we should be striving to be more like Jesus. Students will understand that as they develop the instincts of Jesus and the attitudes of Jesus and as they seek to live a life which centres around Jesus that their faith will be contagious and active.

In lesson 4 we are going to look at having a **Spirit-filled faith**. Jesus was guided by the Holy Spirit and we read in the book of Acts that the same Spirit is also available to guide us. Students will think about Spirit-filled faith in the life of Jesus and in the life of those around them. It is important for students to understand the role the Holy Spirit plays in the day to day living out of their faith.

Let's learn to Tell the Story Together.