

Session One.

FAITH SHAPERS

Take some time to get to know one another with the questions below. Do all the questions below or pick ones that interest you. The focus is conversation not completion. If you get led on another path of conversation, go with it!

Your full name is...

If you could change your name to anything else, it would be...

Six words that describe you are...

Your favorite food is...

Your Favorite dessert is...

What is one of your favorite places to go?

Tell me about a game you like to play.

What kind of music do you like?

Finish this sentence... "I like it when people..."

Tell me about a person you enjoy spending time with.

What is something you like about your church?

Tell me something you like about yourself.

Tell me about your best friend.

What is your favorite movie?

How are you like your mom?

How are you like your dad?

What is something you are very good at doing?

What is something you are not good at, but wish you were?

What makes you uncomfortable?

What is one of your pet peeves?



Let's Read

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9 (MSG)

Read to your mentee giving them the space to listen, then have your mentee read it to you and underline anything that stands out to you, finally, revisit the pieces that most stood out.

"Attention, Israel! God, our God! God the one and only! **Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got!** Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts **of** your homes and on your city gates.

The bolded verse above has a commandment in it – what is it, who is it for, and what is it about?

When did you learn about God?

How did you learn about God?

What did you learn/ think/ know about God when you were younger?

Has what you learned/ thought/ known about God changed? How?

Is faith easier when you are younger?

PEOPLE WHO HAVE SHAPED ME...

1. Start by making a list below of all the people who have taught and helped "you be you" (aunts, uncles, parents, grandparents, cousins, teachers, parents of friends, neighbors, older sibling's friends, etc.)
2. As you go through your lists together, pick one or two to tell a story about? How did they inspire/ teach you?
3. Are any of those people you listed who have talked to you about faith?
4. What does it mean to be a faith shaper?
5. Are you helping to shape anyone's faith?

Session Two.

FAVORITES

CONVERSATIONS

on Purpose

- What do you like best and least about your life?
- What is your favorite kind of sandwich? Candy Bar?
- What's a favorite thing to do with a group of friends? Alone?
- What TV show, movie, or book would you pick to live inside for a week?
- Do you have a favorite book? Movie? Video Game?
- Do you have a favorite holiday/vacation memory?
- What do those around you, tell you is important? What do you think is important?
- When, if ever, is it okay to lie?
- What's your proudest accomplishment?
- What are things you worry about?
- If you could change anything in your world, what would you change?
- What are some questions you have for God/Jesus?
- What do you want to be when you "grow up"?
- Your favorite thing about your family is... Your least favorite thing about your family is...
- What is one of the biggest problems that teens face today? What about the world?



God's Story

Read together at least three if these stories... or find a couple on your own!

- Creation – Genesis 1:1–4
- The Call of Samuel – 1 Samuel 3:1–10
- A Storm – Matthew 8:23–27
- Lost Sheep – Luke 15:3–7
- The Vineyard Owner – Matthew 20:1–16
- The Good Samaritan – Luke 10:30–37
- The Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11–32
- The Good Shepherd – John 10:1–21
- The Adulterous Woman – John 8:1–11
- Jesus is Born – Luke 2:1–20
- Daniel and the Lions – Daniel 6:1–28

HINT: If you have a favorite story not listed here, feel free to use your phones to help you find the right book, chapter and verse. You may also consider using a children's bible to find your favorites, they do a good job of condensing longer stories.

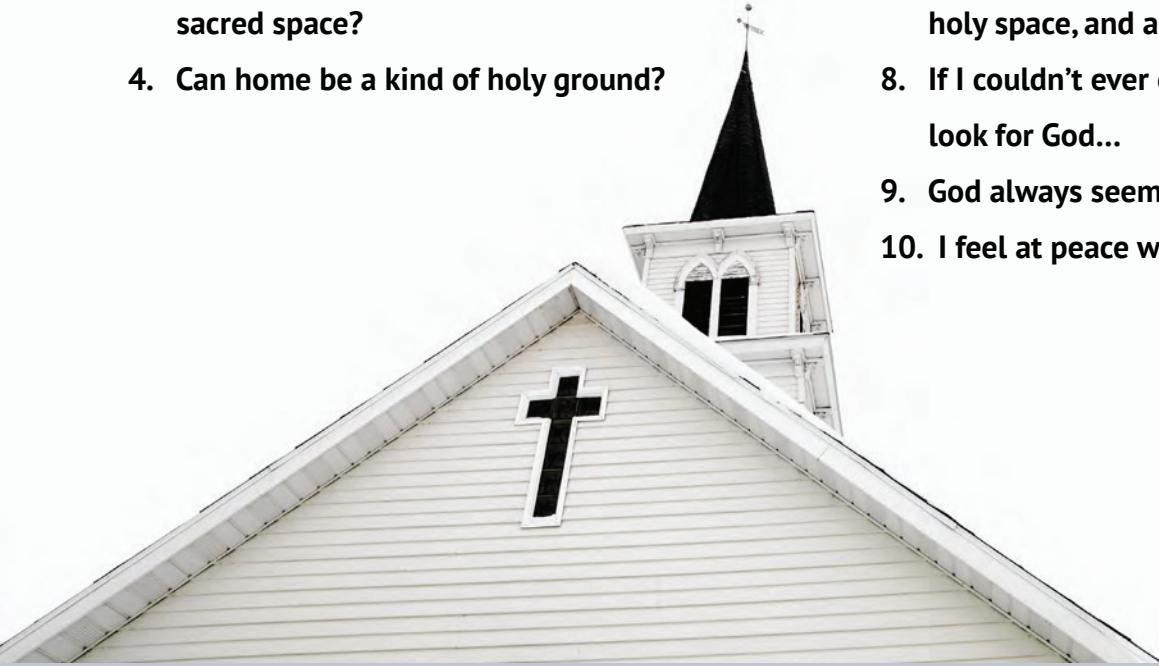


1. What is the first Bible story you remember hearing when you were little?
2. Why do you think God inspired the Bible to be written down?
3. Do you think all of the Bible is true? Why or why not?
4. What stories do you doubt?
5. Do you like reading the Bible? Why or why not?
6. Grab a pen and paper (or use the margins of this sheet), make a list of all the bible stories the two of you can remember.
7. What is your favorite way of learning about God and Jesus?
(ex. Music, movies, books, conversations, services, etc.)

Session Three.

HOLY SPACES

1. Where do you sense God? Outside of church?
2. Do you ever go out of your way to find holy spaces? When?
3. How do you know you're on holy ground/ in a sacred space?
4. Can home be a kind of holy ground?
5. Can somewhere outside be a holy ground?
6. If God had a favorite place to be, I think it would be...
7. What if anything is the difference between a holy space, and a sacred space?
8. If I couldn't ever enter a church again, I would look for God...
9. God always seems present when...
10. I feel at peace when I am...



Notes:



Let's Read

GRAB A BIBLE OR USE YOUR PHONE!

Exodus 3:1–5

Joshua 5:13–15

2 Corinthians 1:19–22



1. What image do these three verses paint about holy ground? What makes ground holy?
2. Think back to your previous understanding of Holy Ground, how closely or distantly did your understanding relate to scripture?
3. Between the Old Testament – Exodus and Joshua – and the New Testament – 2 Corinthians – the concept of holy ground changes quite a bit. Do you think the understanding of Holy ground has shifted again since these texts were written 2000+ years ago?

Session Four.

FAITH IN THE WILD

- What does it look like to be faithful
- Have you ever made a life decision that was influenced by your faith? What was it? How did your faith influence your choice?
- How can you use your faith at school/work? What would that look like?
- Does faith look differently during Confirmation than it did before? Do you think it will look different after you are confirmed?
- Think back to your earliest idea of what faith was, has your understanding changed over time?
- Do you feel the kinds of things you learn at church are always applicable in your daily life? How are they/ How are they not?
- Have you ever met someone who you would describe as “faith filled”? What about them makes you feel that way?
- Are there right and wrong ways to display/ live your faith? How do you know the difference?
- God tells us to love our neighbor, and that in doing so, we can share God with them (1 John 4:7-9)... Have you ever met someone who was really good at loving their neighbor, but who *you wouldn't consider 'churched'?* Would they make a good faith role model?
- When in your life is it hard to be faithful? When is it easy?
- Can someone have strong faith, without knowing any scripture? Can someone who knows a lot of scripture have little faith?



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Let's Read

Read the Scripture about Jesus' promise to us, For Context, this is the last thing Jesus says to his disciples before ascending for the last time in scripture into heaven. This is a promise that isn't just for the disciples, but for everyone in the wake of the resurrection changing the world forever.

Acts 1:4-7 (NLT)

4 Once when he [Jesus] was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. 5 John baptized with[a] water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

7 He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- What do you think it means to be 'baptized with the Holy Spirit'? Who/ What is the Holy Spirit?
- The Scripture calls us to be 'my [Jesus] witness' what does that mean? What permissions does that give? What does that look like?
- To witness something in a court of law means you saw it with your own eyes, what does it mean to witness Jesus who died and resurrected 2000 years before you were born?
- For some witnessing Jesus means teaching others about the gospels, but for most, it likely doesn't. What are some other ways you can be a witness to Jesus?