

Date Used: _____

Group: _____

JESUS GIVEAWAY

Topic: Witnessing

Purpose of this Session:

Most adults have a tough time sharing their faith in Christ so it is no surprise that young people have the same difficulty. This TalkSheet was designed to give you and your group the opportunity to talk about and to practice sharing Christian faith.

To Introduce the Topic:

Pretend aliens from outer space have landed on Earth. They speak English. Divide the group into teams and have each prepare a short speech which one of the team will read to the aliens. The speech should share Christ with the aliens, who have never heard anything about Jesus before. This could also be a role-play, with the alien acting very dumb.

The Discussion:

Item #1: Have the students share and explain their answers. List all the reasons "why not" and all the reasons "why" on a chalkboard or newsprint.

Item #2: After sharing the answers, ask if the students have ever actually tried to share their faith with their friends. If so, what happened? If not, why not?

Item #3: This should make a good role-play subject. Have a few of the students put themselves into this situation and act out their idea of the sc nario.

Item #4: Debate the pros and cons of each of the methods listed.

Item #5: Read the verses to find out if the group matched them up correctly. These scriptures emphasize that Christ wants us to tell others about Him.

To Close the Session:

Try to avoid lading guilt with this session. With their self-esteem on the line, the teenagers will be extremely reluctant to do or say anything that might bring them embarrassment or rejection. Don't make witnessing sound like penance for being a Christian. Help them think of creative ways they can be witnesses for Christ in non-threatening ways. Assure them they do not have to know a lot about the Bible in order to share Christ with others. Nor do they have to be good conversationalists. We can share Christ in a lot of non-verbal ways — by living for Christ in front of our friends.

Point out sharing Christ with others is a great privilege as well as a great responsibility. It's giving someone you really care about some really good news.

Outside Activities:

Have the students choose one friend with whom they will share Christ during the next week. They could also choose one other youth group member to pray for as that person shares Christ with a friend.