

ART OF CONVERSATION

Key Verse:

Therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do to you: even so do ye to them: for this is the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 7:12

Week 25

1. Explain Key Verse – any “rules” we teach here are not actually rules, they are only guidelines that I hope you will find helpful to fall back on, throughout your life! They are all based on the only real rules – the laws of God.
2. Salutation: The act of saluting; a greeting; the act of paying respect or reverence by the customary words or actions; as in inquiring of persons their welfare, expressing to them kind wishes, bowing, etc. Luke 1:29. Mark 12:38.
 - a. Greeting words
 - b. Friend’s Name
 - c. Ask about his welfare
3. Have children come in pairs, to the front of the class, and act out salutation scenarios, practicing their three things. Try to pair students up with other students they don’t normally interact with.

Week 26

1. Review Key Verse – any “rules” we teach here are not actually rules, they are only guidelines that I hope you will find helpful to fall back on, throughout your life! They are all based on the only real rules – the laws of God.
2. Review salutations; have a pair of students volunteer to demonstrate.
3. Introduction: The action of conducting or ushering into a place; used of persons. We speak of the introduction of one stranger to another...
4. Introducing one person to another:
 - a. Address the elder person, by name
 - b. Tell him, “May I introduce (person’s name)?” Or, “This is (person’s name).”
 - c. Briefly explain how you know this person.
 - d. Then briefly tell the younger person how you know the elder. (No need to give the elder’s name, since you already used it in step 1!)
5. Have children come in threes, to the front of the class, and act out introduction scenarios, practicing these four things.

Week 27

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2. Review salutations; have a pair of students volunteer to demonstrate.
3. Review introductions; have a trio of students demonstrate.
4. Open-Ended Questions:
 - a. An open-ended question is a question that *cannot* be answered with “yes” or “no”. This is a *key ingredient* of good conversation!
 - b. Step Two: *Listen* to the other person’s answer.
5. Have children come up in pairs; the questioner should think of 3 open-ended questions to ask the other person.

Week 28

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2. Review salutations; have a pair of students volunteer to demonstrate.
3. Review introductions; have a trio of students demonstrate.
4. Review open-ended questions; have one student demonstrate.
5. Phone calls:
 - a. Even though you can’t see the person you’re talking to on the phone, you treat him just as kindly as you would if you were looking at each other.
 - b. Use the same tools we’ve already learned about.
 - c. Have children practice, looking away from each other (back to back).

Week 29

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2. TBD.

Week 30

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2. TBD.