
We're not going to lie...

It's TOUGH leading the general populous to Christ nowadays. The foundations of this country have been destroyed and the bias against Christianity is INTENSE—especially on the West Coast and in America's big cities. You're considered a fool to believe... So it's a BIG DEAL for a kid to go against the grain, lose standing with his peers—and furthermore they're already indoctrinated into Evolution. They're also taught that religion was created by man because of his fear of death.

SO MUCH to counteract—But God is reaching out to teenagers today!!

Tips for Teenagers!

First of all, you can't be too "preachy" with them. Keep in mind they're blind until born again—and they usually have little to no Biblical Foundation. (Be aware they may not even know what the word Sin means—let alone words like repentance or "conviction"!)

Questionnaires are a good starting place. They work great—because you can be a "good listener" with them—and then they're willing to listen to you too! (See "Resources" for Our Favorite Questionnaire.)

Out in public, all you have to do is say, "Hey! Would you do my questionnaire?" and many will say yes!

(With fellow teens that are friends, you could say you're learning to do this questionnaire, and ask if you could practice with them!)

There are lots more ways to approach people, and tips about the Questionnaire and what to say afterwards--

We'll soon post several articles of "Questionnaire Tips" (under "Resources")

Having good facts and logic to counteract all the lies they've been fed is important too*—and it helps them gain respect for you. So it's good to keep educating yourself in Christian Apologetics!

*Lies about evolution, the history of the Bible, the "lost Gospels", the Davinci Con, etc, etc!

But going for their HEART is even more important.

For this we recommend "Heart Questions" and our "Flyer for Skeptics" (which includes the "Good Person Test"—but with a softer approach than is often used). These can be found under "Resources".

Of course it's also important to get across to people that you CARE about them!

For web resources, you can send teenagers to www.godseeker.us – especially for anti-evolution info—including video clips! There's a GREAT Anti-Evolution booklet there too (soon I'll add it in printable format both here and on that website). And there are great video clips of powerful testimonies!

For great eye-opening DVDs and film clips, check out: http://goodfight.org/store/resources_main_video.html We recommend "They Sold their Souls for Rock & Roll" for teens (although IF they're into classic rock—"Rock & Roll Sorcerers of the New Age Revolution" is also good).

Also check out their super cool expose' "Good Fight Theatre"! <http://theater.goodfight.org/>

Back to Personal Witnessing...

Jesus told us to be His Witnesses! Tools are great but we need to open our mouths and TALK to these kids! Chicken? Know you won't be perfect!! Only God saves anyone—He simply asks that we GO! As a born again Christian with a desire to see people saved... Practically ANYTHING you share is better than NOTHING being shared—Seriously! Most kids get NO positive information about Christianity whatsoever.

The more you witness the more you'll learn—and you'll get bolder too!

In many cases you'll only be planting seeds—So at least have a "tract" on hand (or a Gospel of John) for them to take with. (They're much more likely to READ it if they've had a personal interaction with you!)

Now much of this discussion so far has taken into account 1Cor 9:22 (being all things to all men...so that I may by all means save some). But we also need to have some Scriptures memorized (though in plain English—and teens can easily be overwhelmed by LOTS of Scripture they don't really understand...)

Here are some useful Scripture suggestions:

- The “essence” of John 4:10: “If you knew the gift of God, and who Jesus was, you would ask of Him, and He would give you living water.”
- John 3:16
- John 3:3/5 Jesus said: Truly, truly I say to you, you must be born again, or you cannot see or enter the Kingdom of God.
- John 14:6 Jesus said: “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.”
- Mark 1:15 Jesus said: “Repent and believe the good news” (Luke 24:47 reiterates repentance being **part of** the Gospel)
- Many more Scriptures you could consider memorizing, including 2Cor 5:19,20; Romans 3:23, 3:10, 5:8, 6:23 & 10:9,10 (noting that Lord means Master); 1John 1:9; Acts 4:12; 2Pet 3:9, Hebrews 9:27, Isaiah 53:6, Eph 2:8,9, 1Tim 2:5 and many more!

Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s guidance... Don’t forget your testimony!... For some, examples of fulfilled prophecy from the Bible have impact (Val’s book is available free to read at godseeker.us)... Invite kids to your church’s Youth Group!

And finally, there’s the “Empire State Building”. (It doesn’t hurt to memorize this to use when needed!)

In our society, kids are brainwashed to believe there IS no Absolute Truth (along with many other lies). Any way you can get them to realize they may have been duped is useful! Currently I’m pondering upon a new tool that will borrow from “The Deliberate Dumbing Down of America” (by Charlotte Thomson Iserbyt—about our nation’s educational system) (plus perhaps using the example of Nazi Germany to demonstrate how very intelligent people can be deceived).

In the meantime, here’s the “Empire State Building”:

If you were falling from the top of the Empire State Building, and all the way down, you said, “I don’t believe in gravity... I don’t believe in gravity!... I ~~don’t~~ believe in gravity!!”—And you **believed** that with all your heart!—Would it make any difference as to whether you went SPLAT when you hit the bottom?

Most kids do still have enough sense to answer no!

From there you can assert that God is much bigger than gravity, and what you (or I!) BELIEVE about Him won’t change anything—We’ll STILL

stand before Him on Judgment Day. (He is Who He is regardless of WHAT we believe!)

When reasoning with a skeptic, you can phrase things in a more “theoretical” way:

“If there IS a God...” (then what you BELIEVE about Him isn’t going to make a BIT of difference as to His reality...)

“What if you WILL stand before Him on Judgment day?”

But while we often want to speak in ways their “ears can hear”—
And while we always want to be “coming from” a place of love!—
That doesn’t mean we don’t at times need to be straight arrow honest with people—sharing some harsh truths. Better to offend someone now than to have them spend an eternity in hell! So I sometimes add, “What if His reality will one day hit you like a lightning bolt?”

Of course you can also go back to expressing God’s love... (“You know He actually WANTS to be your friend on that day!”...And maybe you’ll want to repeat parts of the basic Gospel (or share the basic Gospel if you haven’t already)

The “Empire State Building” can also lead into the “Good Person Test” (We have our “own version” of that as part of our “Tract for Skeptics”). But whichever Good Person Test “version” you use—It’s a POWERFUL tool you should definitely memorize!

(There are more great questions for teens in that Tract for Skeptics too!)

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We’ll also be adding lots more stuff on the Godseeker.us site~And welcome your suggestions!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19-21

...HE HAS COMMITTED TO US THE WORD OF RECONCILIATION. THEREFORE, WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, AS THOUGH GOD WERE MAKING AN APPEAL THROUGH US; WE BEG YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD. HE MADE HIM WHO KNEW NO SIN TO BE SIN ON OUR BEHALF, SO THAT WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM. (NAS95)

Indeed, we need to plead with teenagers to be reconciled to God!

P.S. Calling a teen a “conformist” can sometimes get them to think!

