

## Talk & Listen

### Let's talk:

- Two things I do well are...
- One thing I like about myself is...
- The happiest time in my life was...
- My favorite place is...
- I wish I could...
- My most valuable possession is...
- A close friend of mine would describe me as...
- One thing I really believe deeply is...
- I know someone cares about me when...
- If I had a million dollars, I would...
- I believe that Jesus Christ is...
- I believe that a true Christian is a person who...
- I first became aware of Jesus Christ when...
- I know that I am (or am not) a Christian because...
- The best thing about being a Christian is...
- When I'm rejected by other's I feel...
- My biggest regret is...
- The most important thing in my life right now is...
- If I could change one thing about myself, it would be...
- I feel proud of myself when I...
- Before I die, I hope that...
- A spiritual goal that I have for my life is...
- What may help me achieve this goal is...
- The thing that could keep me from reaching this goal is...

- The chances of my reaching goal are...

Ask & Answer:

- How do you decide who will be your friends?
- Do you believe all your close friends should be Christians?
- What make a really good friend?
- Do you think your friends have a positive or negative influence on you?
- Do your parents approve of your friends? Why or why not?
- Why do you (or don't you) go to church?
- What do like about your church? What don't you like?
- What do you think about church? What don't you like?
- What do you think is the main purpose of the church?
- Complete this sentence: My church would be better if...
- How could you be more involved in your church?
- How do you decide what is right or wrong?
- Do you think the world would be better if everyone agreed on moral standards?
- What moral standards have you learned from your parents?
- What would God think of your moral standards?
- What do you think is the biggest problem today that Christians need to work together to solve?
- Why is it so important that this problem be solved?
- How do you think this problem can be solved?
- Do you know of anyone who is presently working to solve this problem?
- What can you and I do to help solve this problem...
- What do you think you'll be doing in ten years?
- Ten years from now, how will you know that your life has been successful up to that point?
- How do you will have changed between now and ten years from now?

- What things will you do to accomplish your goals and hope for the future?
- Ten years from now, how do you think you'll feel about this past year?

#### Choose & Encourage

- One thing my parents and I cannot discuss...
- The best thing about my family...
- One thing I could wish could be different about my family...
- Your favorite hero or heroine.
- Someone who has done something heroic like telling the truth of being a friend to someone who is lonely and hurting.
- An adult in your church whom you admire.
- A hero or heroine from the Bible (other than Jesus.)
- How Jesus is a role-model.

#### Choose one of the following situations:

- Being homeless...
- Depending upon food stamps and welfare aid...
- Being handicapped and unable to work to support yourself...
- Voluntarily working in a soup kitchen...
- Living in a government -supported convalescent home...

#### Choose one of the following issues and share your views on it:

- Drug abuse
- Pornography
- Abortion
- Nuclear war
- Homosexuality
- World hunger

#### Choose the topic that concerns you the most:

- School
- Dating
- Money
- Friends
- Stress
- Parents

Parent & Teen:

Parent turn to listen:

- The biggest difficulty I face at school...
- What I enjoy doing the most in my spare time...
- What I worry about the most...
- Why I like my friends...
- The best part about being a teenager...
- An adult (besides you) I admire a lot....
- The best movie I've seen lately....
- An area of my life I'd like to improve...

Teen's turn to listen:

- My most prize possession when I was a teenager
- The best decision I made when I was a teenager...
- The biggest mistake I made when I was a teenager
- What the youth culture was like when I was a teenager...
- Who my best friends were when I was a teenager, and where they are now...
- How I felt about my self-image when I was growing up...
- My favorite class in school...
- The relationship I had with my parents when I was living at home...
- What I worried about the most when I was a teenager...

- My relationship with God when I was a teenager...

Teens turn to listen :

- The best thing about our family...
- Something fun that our family has done together...
- A problem that our family has...
- A family tradition that we have...
- My earliest memory in our family...
- Something in our home that means a lot to our family...
- One change I'd like to see in our family...
- Something I can do to help our family...
- One way our family could grow together spiritually...

Parent turn to listen :

- How I felt when you were born (or when I became your parent)...
- Something you did that made me very proud...
- The first talent I noticed in you...
- A favorite time we spent together...
- A time when I worried about you...
- A positive change I've noticed in you...
- How I hope our relationship will be in ten years...
- My greatest fear for you...
- What I love most about you...
- My prayer for you...