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Best Practices and Ideas

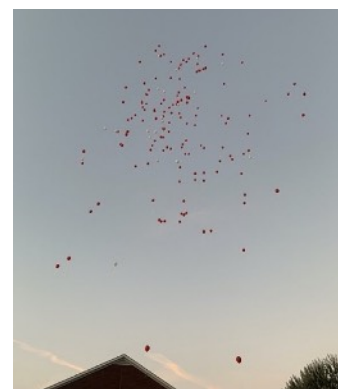
## Gospel Conversation Celebration

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Tracking and celebrating the Gospel conversations your students are having throughout the year is an excellent way to keep them motivated and excited for reaching their lost friends. It helps them to visually appreciate all that God is doing through their courage and faithfulness to share the Good News.

- ◆ Create a Gospel Wall in your youth room by setting up a large corkboard.
- ◆ Set out paper cutouts in three different colors: one to represent lost friends, another to represent Gospel conversations, and a third to represent salvations.
- ◆ Have your students write the names of their lost friends on the cutouts and pin them to the corkboard. When they have a Gospel conversation with that friend, they can write their name on the next color and cover it up on the corkboard. If that friend accepts Christ, they can write their name on the third color and add it to the board! Remind your students to update the board regularly.
- ◆ At the end of the school year, celebrate all that God has done through your students by having a Gospel Conversation Celebration.
- ◆ Purchase [biodegradable balloons](#) in two colors: one to represent Gospel conversations and the other to represent salvations. Blow up a balloon for each conversation and salvation your youth group saw this year.
- ◆ Host a balloon launch outside your church. Thank God for all He has done, and let your students send the balloons off.

*“Using the Gospel Wall helped our group have a laser focus on the Gospel. It drove us to pray for our lost friends and family, held us accountable to share God’s love with them, and served as visual of what God was doing through our students. In all, we had 163 Gospel conversations and saw 24 salvations.”*



## Faith-Sharing Challenge

Brandon Van Dyk | Lake Gregory Community Church | Crestline, California

Challenging your students to share the Gospel with a friend within a certain time frame can motivate them to move from just learning to doing. Creating a specific call to action for your students to put what they've learned about evangelism into practice will go a long way.

- ◆ Once a month, challenge your students to start a Gospel conversation with a lost friend.
- ◆ For students with smartphones, have them download the [Life in 6 Words app](#).
  - They can send an audio story to a friend, explaining the G.O.S.P.E.L. in their own words, by clicking “Start a Conversation” and then “Send Audio Story.”
  - Or they can share a conversation-starter on social media by clicking “Start a Conversation” and then “Quickstarters.”
- ◆ For students without smartphones, encourage them to write a letter to a friend. You can keep lined paper, envelopes, and stamps in your youth room to get them started.
- ◆ Plan to follow up on the challenge. During the week, text the students who committed and ask them how it's going.
- ◆ If any of them have successfully initiated a Gospel conversation with a peer, ask them to share about it during your next meeting time.

*“This has given my students an opportunity to share the things they have wanted to share for a while in a meaningful and engaging way. It's a tool that helps a teen go all-in and gets the Gospel out.”*



## G.O.S.P.E.L. Games

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Use the Marshmallow Gun G.O.S.P.E.L. Game for a fun and memorable way to get your students to memorize the [G.O.S.P.E.L. acronym](#). Getting the G.O.S.P.E.L. message down will help your students feel more confident going out and sharing their faith.

- ◆ Purchase a marshmallow gun and a bag of marshmallows.
- ◆ Explain the game to your students:
  - You will be calling out one letter of the G.O.S.P.E.L. and shooting a marshmallow at them.
  - Whoever the marshmallow hits will call out the phrase that goes with the letter you said.
  - For example, if you call out “L” when you shoot the marshmallow, the person it hits should respond: “Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever!”
- ◆ Play a few rounds, and then pass the marshmallow gun off to one of your students who answered correctly. Let them lead the game while you participate.
- ◆ Play the game at least once a month as a fun way to get up and move around, while also reinforcing your students’ knowledge of the G.O.S.P.E.L. message.

*“Randomly shooting my teens with marshmallows helped them grow their confidence that they could be ready at any moment to engage in a Gospel conversation. Telling students to go talk to people about the Gospel has a natural fear factor to it. They fear starting the conversation or messing up what to say, or not knowing how to bring that conversation to a point of decision. When they have fun learning the basics, they can learn to enjoy the uncertainty of having meaningful conversations about Jesus.”*

