Welcome and Opening Discussion (5 minutes) - LIVE

Video Teaching and Practice (37 minutes) - VIDEO + LIVE

Next Steps Discussion (3-8 minutes) - LIVE

As the facilitator of this workshop, you are responsible for all the LIVE components of this workshop. They are all mapped out for you below.

WELCOME AND OPENING DISCUSSION: 5 MIN

Welcome everyone to the workshop and introduce yourself. Pray for you time together.

Say: Today we are going to learn from Ed Gossien who is Awana’s Vice President of the Field. He’s going to give us some tools and training on how to better share our faith, in alignment with Awana’s philosophy of highly relational and highly scriptural ministry.

Ask: Before we turn on the video, on a scale from 1-10, how comfortable do you feel sharing the gospel with children in your club? Hold up that number of fingers...

For the following questions, have them call out some answers. If people are hesitant to talk in the large group, have them find a group of 3-4 and answer in small groups.

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VIDEO TEACHING AND PRACTICE: 37 MINUTES

START VIDEO
Tips: Make sure it is loud enough. Dim lights but don’t turn off completely so they can still see their handouts.

FIRST DISCUSSION BREAK:
Ed gives the instructions in the video. You will have 1 minute before the first timer starts.
• Make sure everyone has found a partner.
• Re-state the instructions:
  • “With a partner, have one person share their Christian story during the 3:00 time slot. Then spend one minute debriefing the story. The listener (or child) should share one thing they thought the “leader” did well. And the leader should identify two things they would have done better. Then switch roles and repeat.”
• Answer any other questions.
• Encourage them to just try their best. There is no “right answer” in telling their own story.

Make sure to watch the clock on the video and call out when the Debrief time should begin. And make sure they are aware when it’s time to switch.

SECOND DISCUSSION BREAK:
Same as the first.

If they need some help figuring out a way to mesh the Gospel wheel with their story, have them choose 1-2 of the verses from the Gospel Wheel to incorporate into their story.

NEXT STEPS DISCUSSION: 3-8 MINUTES (OR ALL REMAINING TIME)
Have someone read the Next Steps Activity instructions out loud on their handout and encourage them to spend some time this week working on it.

Ask: What was the hardest part of sharing your own Christian story?
Ask: What was something you learned from your experience today?

Invite someone to pray...

Thank everyone for coming and dismiss!
WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand and by which you are saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas and then to the Twelve.

1. Christ _____________
2. He was _____________
3. Then He _____________

HOW TO COMMUNICATE THE GOSPEL TO KIDS

HIGHLY RELATIONAL

Kids TRUST you because they ________ you.
Kids TRUST you when they know you ________.

PRACTICE:
Ed gives a simple outline for telling your Christian Story.
   1. Before I knew Jesus, I thought this way...
   2. Then I met Jesus.
   3. Now I think this way...

Feedback you want to remember:

ASK YOURSELF...
What other verses in the Bible can you think of that also identify the Gospel clearly?

ASK YOURSELF...
Do the kids in your ministry trust you? Do they know you care for them?
HIGHLY SCRIPTURAL

The five questions addressed in the Gospel Wheel are:

1. What is the ____________ ?
   (1 Cor 15:1-4)
2. What is ____________ like?
   (John 3:16, Rev 4:8)
3. What are ____________ like?
   (Romans 3:23)
4. What did God do about my ____________ ?
   (Romans 5:8)
5. What must I do in ____________ ?
   (Acts 16:31)

ASK YOURSELF...
How does your Christian story reflect these truths?
Feedback you want to remember...

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Take the time this week to write out a 1–2 minute refined version of your Christian story combined with the truths from the Gospel Wheel. This will help you articulate it best in the moment when a child asks a question or an opportunity arises to share it.
- Pray for an opportunity to share your story with a child during the next club.