

7 Questions To Ask Before Speaking

Teach with Holy Fear

Am I worried about what kids and other leaders will think of my message or am I most concerned with what God thinks?

Teach With Love

Do I genuinely know and love the kids I'm speaking to?

Teach With Accuracy

Am I accurately presenting this scripture, have I studied God's word faithfully and let it sink into my heart and head?

Teach With Power

Am I depending on the Holy Spirit's power or my own cool factor and good ideas?

Teach With Integrity

Have I applied this talk to my own life? Do I believe what I say? Am I buying what I'm selling?

Teach With Humility

Will this talk draw attention to me or to God?

Teach With Urgency

Do my middle school and high school friends really need to hear this?

Club Talk Reminders

Pray – Before. During. After. Pray as you prepare, have friends and other leaders pray for you as well.

Prepare – Start working on it early not the day before. You don't have to be the greatest public speaker but you **are sharing the greatest love story** the world has ever known. Treat it accordingly. This is your chance to explicitly tell kids why you care so much about them. Remember... *"It's a sin to bore a kid with the Gospel."*

Use a Bible – Have it with you. Let kids see you use a physical copy and not just your Bible app on your phone.

Speaking is like feeding a 2 year old – The more you put on the spoon, the more ends up on the floor. Keep things simple. This is not a sermon or chapel talk, club talks should be 10-15 minutes long with **1 clearly explained point**.

The Furthest Kid Out – Avoid commonly used Christian words and sayings. If you use words like grace, mercy, etc. be sure to explain what it means. Don't assume everyone knows what the Bible is or how it's structured. Design your talk for the kids who know absolutely nothing about Jesus or Christianity.
