

How Can I Effectively Witness to My Friends and the Members of My Family?

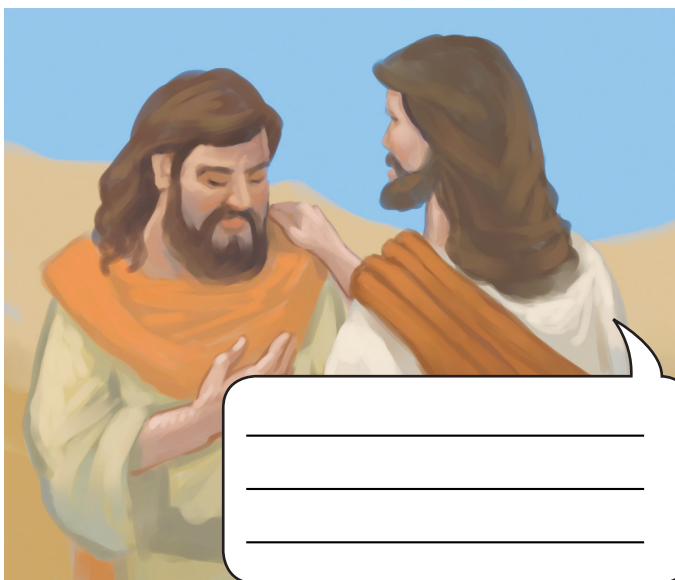
John 1:35–45

Spread the Good News

Read John 1:35–45 and fill in the blank speech bubbles. See how Christ’s disciples came to Him through the witness of friends and family.



verses 40–41



verse 42



verse 43



verse 45

REVIEW

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Sharing Jesus’ Love with Those Closest to Us

Monica’s son lived a life of sin. But Monica never gave up hope that one day her son would become a follower of Jesus too. When she talked with her son about Jesus, her words seemed not to be heard. For many years, she fasted and prayed for her son, often in tears. Meanwhile, she continued to serve God by studying His Word and helping others. Often, she talked with her pastor about her wayward son. Once, he comforted her with these words: “God’s time will come. It is not possible that a son of so many tears should perish.”

Then one day, Monica heard from her son the news she had long waited to hear. He would give up his life of sin and become a follower of Jesus. At age 33, Monica’s son was baptized.

Monica’s son served his Savior faithfully for the rest of his life. And who was Monica’s son? We know him as St. Augustine of Hippo, a famous Church Father in the Early Christian Church.

By God’s grace, we can share the love of Jesus to everyone, beginning with our family and friends. If they may resist, God remains at work. His desire is for all people to come to faith in Jesus.

Look up the following verses. What does each verse say about how we can share Jesus’ love so that eventually, through the working of God’s Spirit, others may come to faith?

1. 1 Timothy 4:12 _____
2. Colossians 4:2–4 _____
3. 1 Peter 3:15 _____



REMEMBER

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12