

# CREATING LIFE-SHAPING CONVERSATIONS

Talking To Kids About Stuff that Matters - Part 3

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How to L.I.S.T.E.N. so that kids will speak up  
& How to S.P.E.A.K. so that kids will listen!

## L

“Jesus felt genuine love for the man as he looked straight at him.” Mark 10:21

“God has given us eyes to SEE with and ears to LISTEN with.” Prov. 20:12 (TEV)

## I

“When Job’s three close friends heard of the tragedy Job had suffered, they got together and traveled from their homes to comfort and console him. . . Then they sat on the ground with Job silently for seven days and nights. And no one said a word, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words.”

John 2:11-13 (NLT)

## S

“Anyone who answers quickly without listening first is both foolish and insulting.” Proverbs 18:13

“Mary fell at Jesus’ feet and cried out, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, along with many others, he was deeply moved. ‘Where have you buried his body?’ he asked. ‘Come and see, Lord’ they replied. Jesus wept. Then the people said, “Look how deeply he loved him!” John 11:32-36

## T

“ . . . Be sympathetic, loving each other like family, and be kind and humble.” 1 Peter 3:8

“ . . . we must bear the ‘burden’ of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others . . . “ Let’s please the other fellow, not ourselves, and do what is for his good and thus build him up in the Lord.” Romans 15:2 (LB)

## E

“People’s thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out.” Proverbs 20:5 (TEV)

## N

“What a shame--yes, how stupid!--to decide before knowing the facts! . . . A person with understanding gets the facts and the wise person listens to learn more.” Proverbs 18:13+15 (LB/NCV)

# HOW TO S.P.E.A.K. SO THAT OTHERS LISTEN TO YOU

## S

“There is a time to be silent and there is a time to speak.” Ecclesiastes 3:7 (NCV)

“There’s a right time and a right way for everything, even though, unfortunately, we miss it for the most part.” Ecclesiastes 8:6 (Mes)

## P

“Jesus said, ‘I have not spoken on my own power. Instead, the Father who sent me told me what I should say AND how I should say it.’” John 12:49 (GW)

“Intelligent people think before they speak; then what they say is more persuasive.” Proverbs 16:23 (TEV)

“Everything you say should be kind and well thought out so that you know how to answer everyone.” Colossians 4:6 (GW)

## E

“Speak. . . only what is helpful for building others up, according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

## A

“When wise people speak, they make knowledge attractive.” Proverbs 15:2 (TEV)

“A mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.” Proverbs 16:21 (TEV)

“We have this HOPE as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure!” Hebrews 6:19 (NIV)

## K

“Those who are sure of themselves do not talk all the time, and people who STAY CALM have real insight.” Proverbs 17:27 (TEV)

“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” James 1:19 (NIV)