Grow students

STEP 1
LISTEN



Typically learned behavior is observed first before it's tried. The same goes with sharing our faith stories. To begin this challenge, listen to someone's faith story and reflect on it. By listening to others, you can learn something new about God's work and observe an example of what it's like to share your own story.

WHAT TO DO

- **CONNECT WITH SOMEONE:** First, find someone in your life you respect or want to learn from. There are so many examples of people you could reach out to, but for some ideas you could try...
  - Family members, like parents, grandparents, or a distant relative you could call.
  - Your small group leader.
  - A friend.
  - A teacher, pastor, or family friend.
- **LISTEN:** Next, spend some time listening. You can spend some time catching up and saying hello, but make sure the bulk of your time is spent listening to their story. Here are some questions you could ask...
  - Can you think of one moment when you really felt God's presence?
  - What's one way your faith has grown over time?
  - What's a challenge that tested your faith, and how did you get through it?
  - Who is one person who has been a big influence on your faith journey?
  - If you could talk to younger you, what's one piece of advice you'd give you?
  - What's something God has taught you recently?
- **REFLECT:** After you've had this conversation, spend some time reflecting on what you've learned from their story.
  - What did you find most interesting about their story?
  - What parts of their story could you relate to?
  - What was surprising about their story?
  - How is your story similar to theirs? How is it different?
  - Where did you see God show up in their story?

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