

ARTICULATE:

to be able to clearly communicate what we know and feel.

In her talk from 2017 General Conference Sister Eubank listed “Articulate” as one of five points mentioned in a talk by President Kimball. She used the word “Articulate” as a way of saying, “Live the gospel out loud!” or “Be a member missionary!” Sister Eubank asked several questions in her talk. You can use those questions (and other questions) in lessons or activities about sharing thoughts and feeling about the gospel. As people answer the questions in this activity encourage them to go beyond general answers to specific personal reasons.

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You may want to begin by discussing what it means to be articulate and why it is an important skill. Explain that as with any new skill, learning to be articulate may take time and practice.

Worksheet—Print out the questions and give everyone a chance to write down their answers. They don’t need to answer all of the questions but any they answer will get them thinking about why they believe what they do. Ask each person to share one of their answers.

Role Play— Print out the questions and cut them apart. Have people draw a question from the pile and answer it. Take turns responding to the questions. It’s ok for people to answer the same question and you can add more questions of your own. Remember that some people might have a hard time being put on the spot. Let them ask someone for help or ask them to think about it and come back to them later. Don’t let them completely off the hook. Letting everyone draw their paper before anyone begins to role play may also give them enough time to get an idea in their head so they feel more comfortable role playing.

Small Groups— Split into small groups. Give the group one of the questions. Have the group discuss their answers to the question. Then let each group share some of their thoughts or ideas with the whole group. Change groups or keep the same groups for another question.

Include the Missionaries— Use any option above, but invite the missionaries to be part of the activity. Let them take a turn with everyone else or have them give ideas or suggestions as other people make their comments.

How do you feel about Jesus Christ?

Why do you stay in the Church?

Why do you believe the Book of Mormon is scripture?

Where do you get your peace?

Why does it matter that the prophet has something to say today?

How do you know he is a real prophet?

The questions above are from Sister Eubank's Talk in October 2017 Conference.

Why is family important?

Why do you take time to read scriptures?

Why do you dress modestly?

Why do you go to church?

Why is Sunday a special day?

Why do you try to help other people?

Why is marriage important?

Why do the choices we make matter so much?

Why don't you use the Lord's name in your everyday speech?

Why do you pray?