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## Witnessing

# How to be a Good Witness

How often do you talk about the practices of witnessing? Witnessing is a topic that is alluded to but hardly ever discussed in length. Sometimes at the end of a lesson or in casual conversation, we might conclude with, “Now, go and be a witness.”

What does “being a witness” really mean? It’s almost like we tell our kids, “Now go tie your shoes” but we haven’t taught them how.

To be a good witness, first we have to live in a way that’s consistent with what we believe. Just because a kid goes to church and occasionally helps out in the nursery doesn’t mean she has a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. We need to focus on where a student is spiritually.

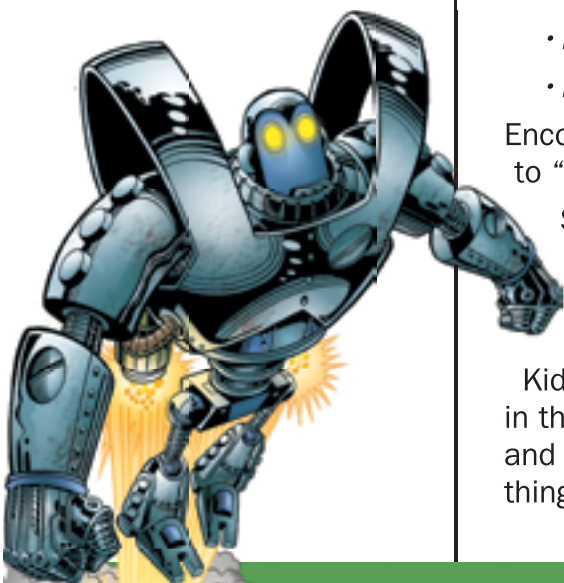
It’s our job to dig a little deeper in to the spiritual state of those in our care. Do we take the time to ask the tough questions:

- *Do you pray regularly?*
- *Do you read your Bible?*
- *Do you believe the Bible in its entirety is true?*
- *Do you believe that God wants to have a personal relationship with you?*
- *Do you ask God for guidance?*
- *Do you feel loved and accepted by God?*

Encouraging children to witness is admirable, but we can’t expect them to “sell” something they don’t believe.

Second, we need to equip children with the tools for witnessing. It’s not our job to “save people.” It’s our job to expose them to God’s love and presence by living a life that draws them toward the things of God.

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## Holsom Comics Discussion Questions

After the kids have read [Holsom Comics Issue 7](#), ask these questions to spark discussions about what it means to be a Christian witness.

- What does it mean to be a good Christian witness? *(To be a good witness, our words and actions should line up with our beliefs.)*
- How does Jordan's attitude toward her father affect her witness? *(Jordan's attitude is noticeable to everyone and it's not Christ-like.)*
- How should Jordan have responded to Dillon when he made the comment, "I'm looking forward to adding some of our own trash to the road later tonight, right Jordan?" *(She could have stated she had no intention of spending the evening drinking and littering.)*
- How does Jordan's attack on Noah make her look? *(mean and hateful)*
- What are some Christian traits that Shelby shows in this issue? *(Shelby cares about missing her church function, she wants to help her family with the farm animals, etc.)*



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## Making a Connection

**Materials:** “Wint-O-Green” or “Pep-O-Mint” lifesavers

**Instructions:** Give each student a mint and tell them not to bite or chew until you instruct them to do so.

Ask them to pair up.

Turn the lights off (works best at night or in a room with no windows)

Tell them to bite on a mint, while keeping their mouths open.

If done correctly, their partner should see a spark.

**SAY:** The mint makes sparks because when its sugars are released, it creates electrical charges.

Everything we do and say (or released to this world) has an effect. When we call ourselves Christian, people pay extra attention to the way we live, talk, and act. We need to make sure that the “spark” they see is Jesus and not something else.

