

# TIPS FOR USING SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS QUESTIONS

(Specific Discussion Questions Are Used with a Specific Story)

After telling the Bible story, the storyteller asks Specific Discussion Questions about the story his listeners just heard. Specific Discussion Questions are designed to be unique to one story being discussed.

1. Have confidence in the listeners' abilities. Ask questions with the expectation that the Holy Spirit will guide the listeners to new truths.
2. Pause long enough for your listeners to answer your questions. Don't ask a question and then answer it yourself.
3. Respect the answers given by paying attention to what your listeners say.
4. In order to involve all listeners, some questions should be directed to the group at large and others to specific individuals.
5. Involve all the listeners by asking the same question to more than one person, neither agreeing nor disagreeing with any answer given. The storyteller may ask if others agree or disagree with an answer given.
6. Never push a listener to answer a question. Discussion time should not become a time to embarrass or constrain anyone present.
7. If the listeners were unable to respond or if they gave an incorrect answer, it would be wise to:
  - Offer another question that would help the listeners recall the correct answer, or
  - Explain the answer, giving more details when necessary.
8. When the answers are incorrect, explain with caution, showing appreciation for a correct part of the answer if possible.
9. When a listener asks a question and the storyteller doesn't know the answer, the storyteller should be honest with his listeners.