

Conversation Can

Kids make conversation cans to remind them that God's people share.

Supplies:

- Whiteboard or chart paper and supplies
- Markers
- Clean, dry food canister with a plastic snap-on lid, one per kid
- Self-adhesive paper, assorted colors
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Small slips of paper
- Spray paint (optional)
- Magazines or newspapers
- Decoupage medium (optional)
- Foam paintbrushes (optional)

Set Up:

Write some sample conversation starter questions on the whiteboard or chart paper (For example: If you could be an animal, what animal would you be? What is your favorite color and why? What kind of ice cream do you like most?)

Instructions:

The story is about the early believers who taught us that some of the early Christians were really good at sharing. They shared everything they had, just because it was a good thing to do.

What are some of the things that God's people share?

When God's people talk with each other, they share their thoughts and ideas. We're going to make "conversation cans" to help us talk together about all kinds of things!

1. Show kids how to measure around their canisters. Have them cut self-adhesive paper large enough to cover any old labels or blemishes on the canisters.
2. Before each kid affixes a piece of self-adhesive paper to a canister, have them print "My Conversation Can" on the paper
3. Give slips of paper to kids and encourage them to write questions on them that would "spark" conversation with others. Invite them to put the slips of paper into their cans.

Have some fun conversations using the questions in your cans – and remember that God's people share!

If you have less time . . .

Cover the canisters with self-adhesive paper or spray paint them before you meet with the kids. Let kids finish by decorating the cans and adding their questions.

If you have more time . . .

Let kids decorate their canisters with words or phrases they have cut out of magazines or newspaper. Use a decoupage medium and foam brushes to adhere the words to the canisters.