



## **10 HANDS ON ways to talk so children listen**

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#1 Consider how we view children

#2 Start in their world. Connect with them, where they are at, beginning in their context

#3 Get alongside the children, value them, listen to them and accept them unconditionally

#4 Invite them to share. It is not about talking at or down to them, but working amongst them

#5 Ask open questions, don't give them answers, helping them to discover the truth

#6 Pick your battles. When dealing with challenging situations, recognise you can't do it all

#7 Recognise that telling it does not mean the message us communicated

#8 Be aware of your bias. Reflect on this and how it might impact what we do and say

#9 Get some style. Consider different learning and spiritual styles. Apply them in your ministry

#10 Be someone they want to hang around with