

# TIP SHEET

for using Sparklights to reach younger generations



## For Parents

Although there are exceptions, most pre-teens and adolescents are less cooperative or interested in something when they think it's a requirement. So it's probably best to put your cherished one in a position where it's their idea to watch a Sparklights episode.

To give them that opportunity, you could arrange for them to see you watching the episode you wish to share with them. Make certain the volume is high enough to get their attention when they enter the room or walk by. It may require a little acting on your part, but based on what you know about your child's attention span; you may want to make sure they hear you react to what you're watching.

Another approach is to share with your teenager or pre-teen how important it is to you to get their opinion of the episode and its story. In fact, we cherish feedback from young reviews, so if you use this approach we would appreciate it greatly if you would share their views with us via our community submission form found at artforgrowth.org.

All you need to do is expose your young one to the stories. GOD will do the rest.

After one or two episodes, we pray they will look forward to seeing more and take advantage of everything our initiative has to offer.



## For Teachers

Fortunately, as a faith-based school teacher, you are in a great position to use Sparklights because you already have a captive audience. Sparklights episodes provide viable life skill lessons from GOD's perspective; wrapped up in an entertaining, visual story that young people can relate to. The stories are thought-provoking. So, make sure to review the episode(s) and prayerfully prepare questions that could stimulate careful consideration in your students regarding important life issues. It's an excellent opportunity for young people to exercise empathy, and honesty regarding their own thoughts regarding issues addressed in each episode.



#### For Youth Ministers

Sparklights stories were created primarily with youth ministers in mind since teachers and parents also serve as ministers for their children and students. Small and large group sessions, one-to-one counseling, and Bible studies are ideal settings for using Sparklights episodes. They can help address major topics and issues faced by young people today. As followers of Christ, we understand that to truly appreciate GOD's gift of salvation, we must take a serious look at our mortality. The younger we are when we come to that cross road in life, the better.

Many of our Sparklights stories are designed to evoke serious questions about the death of the body and the type of freedom from death GOD provides us through Christ. We recommend taking full advantage of those stories.

Sparklights episodes can serve as great icebreakers. Use them to get young people talking and sharing thoughts and feelings on deeply spiritual subjects. We strongly suggest that ministers prepare thought-provoking questions. Because the lessons in our stories are founded on GOD's Word, episodes can also be used to test and challenge young people to share how the stories relate to what they know about Christ and the Bible.



#### For All

For insight regarding the Spirit-led purpose of each Sparklights episode, visit artforgrowth.org/teaching-tools. There you can also download our **Suggested Question Sheet**. It provides thought provoking questions you can use after watching episodes with one or more young viewers. You can also submit private insights, suggestions, and requests for stories that can address other concerns and issues based on what you've observed while ministering to the young souls you love, serve, and nurture.