



### Snippets on Friendship Evangelism

1. Remember that a conversion is usually a process. Think of yourself as influencing another person toward faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Begin with those who are closest to you: family, friends, and business associates.
3. Pray continually.
4. Be yourself.
5. Ask leading questions that will take the conversation deeper. Ask your friends what they think about God, about what they think is wrong with the world and human nature, how they find the resources to deal with crises or manage their stress, or what they see as their purpose in life.
6. Listen for openings and possible contact points with the gospel.
7. Ask for permission to speak about your faith. No one likes to be coerced or forced into a conversation they really don't want to have.
8. Don't start the conversation by trying to convince people of their sin. The Christian perspective on guilt and sin is one of the most misunderstood topics in the world.
9. Invite your friends to a social event.
10. Remember to stress the relational aspect of Christian faith.

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### A Little Humor for Mother's Day



- A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a written test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is. I pick up things. What am I?" When the test papers were turned in, the teacher was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the students answered the question with the word Mother.  
– Unknown

- In one church, when a Bible is presented to a third-grade child, the child recites a passage of Scripture. On one occasion, everything was going well until the minister came to one little boy who couldn't remember his name, much less a Bible verse. The little boy's eyes frantically searched for his mother, who was seated very near the front. When he finally spotted her, he was greatly relieved when she whispered, "I am the light of the world," to which he immediately bellowed, "My mother is the light of the world."  
- Rodney Wilmoth, Minneapolis, Minnesota

- **Job Description For A Mother**

Erma Bombeck's job description for motherhood: "Wanted: Woman to raise, educate and entertain child for minimum of 20 years. Be prepared to eat egg if the yolk breaks, receive anything in hand child spits out, and take knots out of wet shoestrings with teeth. Must be expert in making costume for 'bad tooth' and picking bathroom locks with shish kebab skewer. Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, including holidays. Comprehensive dental plan, vacation, medical benefits and company car negotiable."

Erma, Bombeck, *I Want to Grow Hair: I Want to Grow Up, I Want to Go to Boise: Children Surviving Cancer* (New York: Harper and Row, 1989), 56-57.