

# SESSION 1: GOD'S PLAN FOR TEENS

- **What's our role?** Teens' lives may feel messy and changeable, but parents and carers remain the primary disciplers of their teens – our role is to journey alongside them.
- **God-smart and God-connected.** We can help them be 'God-connected' not just 'God-smart'. This means helping them experience God's love, power and communication in their everyday life, not just knowing information about him.
- **Creating windows.** 'Windows' give teens a close-up look at what a real relationship with God looks like to give them ideas for their own relationship with God.

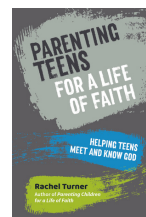
## THINGS TO THINK OR CHAT ABOUT

- What are your hopes and dreams for your teen or tween? What would you like to see in ten years?
- Is it important to create windows into things you struggle with or have got wrong?
- How do you connect with God? What difference does being God-connected, not just God-smart, make to you?
- When have you seen glimpses of other people's lives with God that have influenced you?
- What's your big 'take away' from this session?
- What's the next step for your teen? How can you help them take it?

## IDEAS TO TRY

- Create a window into something for your teen this week, e.g. reading your Bible when they are there, asking their opinion or sharing a story.
- What stories about you and God do you think your teen would love to hear?
- What would you like them to know about God? How could you create a window into that?
- Chat to God about your teen. What is their next step and how can you help them take it?

## FIND OUT MORE



See chapters 1 and 2 of the book.

Articles to search for on [parentingforfaith.org](https://parentingforfaith.org):

- [Creating windows](#)
- [Creating windows and additional needs FAQs](#)
- [Disengaged or disinterested](#)
- [Creating windows into every aspect of our lives](#)