

# BRAZIL

## School Speech Preparation Questions

Thank you so much for joining us on this trip. We are excited to have you come and minister with us. For many of you this is your first trip and you might have little to no experience. For others that have been with us many times, this will help you hone in and sharpen your skills.

This process is meant to help prepare you as much as possible. I hope that it blesses you with the peace that comes with preparedness and expectation.

We want to always walk by the Spirit, while also understanding that He is in the prep work as well. Please understand if you show up unprepared it will potentially void your opportunity to share in the schools. It may seem simple, however we take it very seriously. Many people have worked hard to get us into these schools and we want to be diligently prepared to honor them, the youth, and the Lord.

The plan is for you to answer these questions, and then take a step back and look at your answers. After seeing the answers you have given, you will now be able to start forming content to present a cohesive message that is leading quickly, and powerfully to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After you have answered the questions AND written your speeches your team lead/coach will go over your notes with you to adjust things as needed. They will help you make it a powerful and effective presentation.

## *MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH*

First we have the Motivational speech. This speech is referred to as the “John the Baptist” speech. Because its job is to clear (or point) the way for the next person to give a Testimony followed with a Gospel Presentation.

This Motivational speech should always be SHORT and sweet. It is extremely important that you do not mention your testimony or God in this speech. These two things are NON Negotiable. It is currently illegal to talk about Jesus in public schools. The only thing that makes it legal is if there is a motivational speech given FIRST, which then leads to a second person who can now preach the Gospel clearly and unashamedly.

You should keep it as short as 5-7 minutes. Keep in mind that it will be doubled with a translator. Write this speech keeping in mind that you are setting up the NEXT person for success.

Question 1: What are good decisions that I have made in my life that have affected me long term?(positive or negative)

Question 2: What advice would I give myself at the age of 12 if I could go back in time?

Question 3: What decisions have I made that have impacted me in daily life? (positive or negative)

Question 4: What decisions have I made that affected me in a negative way? Especially in the long term?

The goal of this speech is to encourage kids to make good decisions. And at the end of every motivational speech it **HAS TO END** with this phrase, "And now my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to tell you about the best decision he/she has ever made"!

Again this is non negotiable. This is literally the key to the door that makes it LEGAL to talk about the Gospel. You can make powerful points in this message without taking a lot of time.

Advice in preparation: 1. Smile while you talk. 2. Be friendly with the kids. 3. Do not waste time with lengthy introductions or games. 4. Use body language to your advantage. 5. Be real, be excited but don't act like a clown. 6. Do not talk down to the kids. The language barrier is not indicative of lack of understanding! They are smarter than you think and will be able to feel if you are doing this.

## ***TESTIMONY AND GOSPEL PRESENTATION***

The following questions are meant to help you understand **WHY** you are including the content you're preparing. Many of us have amazing testimonies, but it is important to understand that you are only going to have 15-20 minutes to get through this information. It is important that we understand the MOST important information of the day is a CLEAR and CONCISE Gospel presentation. Everyone in Brazil that is working behind the scenes to make these events happen are counting on the US to present a clear message. You want your testimony to connect with the kids, not bore them with details they won't care about. Feel free to share the nitty gritty! These kids have and are going through A LOT! Your darkest secrets might speak to them where they are at and give them hope. Sharing miracles that God has done in your life are also powerful.

Every detail you share should be leading towards presenting the Gospel, while ensuring that you are leaving enough time to present the Gospel and give an invitation for these kids to make Jesus their Lord and Savior. This is an opportunity to impact the eternal destination of thousands of students! What a privilege!!

*Why are you sharing this information?* Answer: To connect and identify with the kids

What is the purpose of sharing this information? Answer: The purpose is to lead them to the Gospel message.

Use the “why” and “purpose” to craft your testimony as if you are making a road that leads to the cross. It should feel very natural to start talking about salvation by the end of your testimony, because when done properly, it should reveal that this was the end goal of even sharing your testimony.

Testimony Question 1: What is my testimony?

Testimony Question 2: Why am I choosing this part of my testimony?

Testimony Question 3: Is this going to connect with the kids? And is it going to lead to a purposeful Gospel Presentation?

Testimony Question 4: Am I sharing details that are actually helping me get to the end goal? Or am I filling in details and using valuable time that could be spent on something else?

Testimony Question 5: Am I sharing these details because I want these kids to know ME? Or because these details are leading to the Gospel?

Advice: Your testimony is a tool. Telling the story of what you have been through, and using that as a road to lead others to Jesus. It is important in this setting to view it as a tool. What God has done in your story is undoubtedly powerful!! Use it! Let us help you craft this speech into something that is flexible in different settings, and makes as big of an impact as possible.

We are not expecting you to be a professional, but we are expecting you to be practiced.

Now let's begin the MOST important message you will share. The Gospel! Most people understand why they believe in Jesus, but are not used to presenting that message in a way that others will understand.

Gospel Question 1: Why did Jesus have to die on a cross? What is He saving us from? (What is sin?)

Gospel Question 2: What did He accomplish on the cross? And in His resurrection?

Gospel Question 3: Why do I need Jesus? And why do YOU need Jesus?

Gospel Question 4: How does one become “saved”? And also know that they are “saved”?

Gospel Question 5: If I die without Jesus what happens? If I die with Jesus what happens?

Advice: It is important that these kids understand the goal is that they would FOLLOW Jesus, and FALL in love with Jesus. Praying a prayer is not the answer. Making the choice to trust in Jesus and follow Him IS the answer. The prayer is just a beginning way to confess their belief in Him and to receive forgiveness and then being filled with the Holy Spirit as a seal.

If you merely tell them to pray a prayer they will obey and do what they are told. You want to present this in a way where you are asking them to forsake the world and its temptations; to pick up their cross and follow Jesus with all of their hearts. To commune with Him daily, and fall in love with the creator of the universe.

Doctrine: These are non negotiable. These are statements that are Biblically factual, not our opinions. These MUST be followed in order for you to present the Gospel; they do not need to be explained in full but must be implied in full.

1. Jesus is the ONLY way of salvation. What He did on the cross is both final and sufficient.
2. The only way to Heaven is believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that He is God. You do not get there by being a good person.
3. If you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that He is Lord you shall be saved.
4. If you die without Jesus, you will be immediately brought to hell (Sheol) which is a temporary (and yet extremely tormenting) holding place for those awaiting judgment from the Lord. At the end of times Death and Hades (Sheol, Hell) will give up the dead that are in them, and then be cast into the Lake of Fire (Gehenna, eternal hell). There is no escaping either one once you have arrived. And both heaven and hell are eternal in stance.
5. If you die with Jesus you will be immediately taken to Heaven to be with Him. There are no other options or destinations.