

# HOOK LOOK BOOK TOOK

Doing talks using the hook, look, book, took approach.

'Talks', 'God-spots', 'devotions', 'up-fronts' – whatever you call it, youth leaders often feel nervous about doing Christian input well on your main youth group night.

The 'Hook, Look, Book, Took' model is a pretty fail-safe approach that will engage young people and show them a God who is relevant, interesting and interested in them.

## HOOK

Use something from the young people's world that they already relate to: e.g. music videos, movie clips, stories or current events. Choose something that you can draw a Christian theme from.

## LOOK

Take a close look at the lyric, script, text etc.... Highlight things that relate to a passage in the Bible, to Biblical teaching and/or Jesus;

## BOOK

Look up the relevant scripture(s). Read it aloud once or twice, or have young people read it. Show how it connects with the hook;

## TOOK

Discuss the "how then shall we live" point i.e. the practical thing young people can take away from the talk.

## EXAMPLE

Here's an example of this method using Linkin Park's song, *What I've Done* as the "**Hook**".

**Look:** the song is about admitting guilt and asking for forgiveness – "Let mercy come."

**Book:** This lyric echoes Psalm 51 and the story of the Lost Son in Luke 15.

**Took:** Even if you think you've done bad things – God will forgive us when we confess and ask for 'mercy to come', because of his great love.

See the full outline [here](#). For another example, see [Man of Steel Mirrors Jesus](#).

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