

Online Outreach in Word

Create space for **fun** • Model **honest vulnerability** • Invite students to **explore Jesus**

How to Connect Your Hobby to the Gospel [Link to Full Worksheet](#) for students to make a plan

Invite students to do the following three steps to create their own outreach event. The online event should have two components: (1) something fun related to the hobby and (2) an invitation to be honest about life

Step 1: Spark

- Brainstorm: What are your hobbies? What do you enjoy enough that you could do it with your friends online?
- Write an invitation to an event that involves something fun (your hobby) and an invitation to be honest.
- Invite your networks to this event

Step 2: Bridge

- Invite God into your own brokenness and pain
- Practice listening prayer and record how God is working in you
- Write out a brief, personal testimony (the more honest the better) to share
- Be prepared to transition the group from fun to honesty and be ready to share first

Step 3: GIG (God-Investigation Group)

- At the end of the event, one or more people may be ready to explore Jesus with you
- Prepare to invite those people to another event (a GIG you start, a welcoming Bible study, or InterVarsity LIVE)
- **Important:** Don't try to incorporate a Bible study into the initial event if you didn't advertise it, so it's not a bait-and-switch. They expect fun and honesty—start there!

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Embody spiritual disciplines • Respond **communally** • Provide immediate **application**

Learning from InterVarsity's First Online Justice Program

1. Embodying spiritual disciplines provides space to be fully human in a digital age with screens.
 - Being outside with God in creation
 - Dancing to worship music
 - Body Prayer from Julian of Norwich
 - Await (hands at waist, cupped to receive) – Await God's presence, however it may come to you.
 - Allow (reach up, hands open) – Allow a sense of God's presence to come... or not... and be what it is.
 - Accept (hands at heart, cupped towards body) – Accept as a gift whatever comes or does not come. Accept that you don't know everything, that you are not in charge.
 - Attend (hands outstretched, ready to be responsive) – Attend to what you are called to, willing to be present and be God's love in the world, however God calls you.
2. It's hard to pursue justice alone. There's a real desire for community and for people to do things together and be united in that purpose. Create space for students to respond communally.
3. Give everyone something practical that they can do that same day and provide debrief accountability. If people don't know how to respond, they most likely won't. Empower students with tangible ways to impact their families, communities, and beyond.