



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 11: Witness

Suggested Week of Use: November 10, 2024

Core Passage: Acts 22:6-21

News Story Summary

Earlier this year, the Baltimore Orioles hosted the team's first-ever "Faith Night" at its ballpark, Camden Yards. Six Baltimore players shared their testimonies in front of thousands of people after their game against the Washington Nationals ended. According to the Orioles organization, faith is an integral part of its culture, stating that the club makes time for chapel services despite playing multiple games each week.

Players who shared about their relationship with Christ included starting pitcher Trevor Rogers, shortstop Gunnar Henderson, catcher James McCann, infielder Jordan Westburg, relief pitcher Danny Coulombe, and first baseman Ryan O'Hearn. The idea for Faith Night in Camden Yards came when the Orioles visited the Minnesota Twins and saw that club host a Faith Night in 2023.

For more about this story, search "First Faith Night at Camden Yards"

Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, place a large sheet of paper on a focal wall. After adults have arrived, instruct them to call out the elements of a criminal court case. (*Examples: judge, jury, lawyers, witnesses, testimony, evidence, opening statements, closing statements, and so forth*) Record their responses on the paper. Ask: *What is a testimony in court?* Discuss responses. Ask: *What is a testimony in our Christian lives?* Share the story about the Baltimore Orioles' Faith Night in which team members shared their testimonies. Say: *Today, we will talk about the importance of sharing our testimonies with others.* Open in prayer.

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, recall the story of the Baltimore Orioles' Faith Night. Explain that a simple outline for sharing a testimony would include the following: 1) a person's life before meeting Christ; 2) how that person became a Christian; and 3) how that person's life is different now. Say: *One of the important steps in sharing your faith story is being comfortable talking to someone about it.* Group adults into several small teams. Make sure each group includes one person who is comfortable talking about how they came to faith in Christ. Instruct those individuals to use the simple outline to share their testimony with their group. Encourage others to share their stories as well. Close in prayer, asking God to provide the group with specific opportunities to share their testimonies in the coming weeks.