

I-Teen August 26, 2018

Talkin' 'Bout My Generation

1. Better or Worse
2. Hopes and Dreams

Objective: This study will help students define the term “generation” in both cultural and biblical contexts.

Outcome: Students will be able to identify and describe the generations now living in America and discuss what is better or worse when comparing generations.

Session 1 Better or Worse

1. Open in prayer: Ask the Lord to help us focus on His plan and purpose for our time together.
2. Have students take a short quiz titled “Better or Worse”.
3. Ask students to define the term “generation”.

Definitions: A generation is about 30 years and includes the people born and living at about the same time (5 minutes)

4. Look at the Power Point titled “Better or Worse” that compares 1965 to 2018

Review the Quiz “Better or Worse”. Discuss: What’s better? What’s worse?
(10 minutes)

5. Watch the video “Talkin' 'Bout My Generation” by The Who available on YouTube.

Discuss the video after students complete the handout “My Generation” by The Who
(15 minutes)

6. Scripture study: Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5 Discuss: Compare the description in these verses with what you saw in the video. Compare people today with the verses. What are the Last Days? Who is being described in the verses?
Matthew 24:34 What generation is Jesus speaking about?
(10 minutes)

Preview for next week:

Come prepared to share your hopes and dreams for yourself and for your generation. We will conclude by looking at what the Bible says about hopes and dreams.

Closing prayer: Ask the Lord to help us take a look at ourselves, our generation and our role in America today as people of the Bible.

**Better or Worse? Since 1965, do you think these things are better or worse?
Circle one answer and explain why.**

1. Fast Food

Better Worse Because

2. Popular Music

Better Worse Because

3. Cars

Better Worse Because

4. Phones

Better Worse Because

5. TV

Better Worse Because

6. School

Better Worse Because

7. Family Life

Better Worse Because

8. Church

Better Worse Because

“My Generation” by The Who in 1964

People try to put us d-down (Talkin' 'bout my generation)
Just because we get around (Talkin' 'bout my generation)
Things they do look awful c-c-cold (Talkin' 'bout my generation)
I hope I die before I get old (Talkin' 'bout my generation)

This is my generation
This is my generation, baby

Why don't you all f-fade away (Talkin' 'bout my generation)
And don't try to dig what we all s-s-say (Talkin' 'bout my generation)
I'm not trying to cause a big s-s-sensation (Talkin' 'bout my generation)
I'm just talkin' 'bout my g-g-g-generation (Talkin' 'bout my generation)

This is my generation
This is my generation, baby

1. Why is this song regarded as capturing the thoughts and emotions of being a teenager?
2. What would you include in a song about being a teenager now?
3. How is being a teenager today alike or different from earlier generations?