



The “Official Average Boy” podcast encourages children and parents to laugh and learn about God . . . together! Hosted by *Focus on the Family Clubhouse* editor Jesse Florea and Christian comedian Bob Smiley, this podcast joins Focus’ already very popular “Official Adventures in Odyssey” podcast as great entertainment and faith-building fun.

The 13 episodes of Season 1 cover topics such as: technology, reading the Bible, handling peer pressure, finding identity in Christ, sibling relationships and being part of God’s body. **Parents:** You can use these discussion questions to build upon the main theme of each podcast. Be interactive! Answer these questions yourself, too. Growing up and growing closer to God has never been more fun!

Your family can read “Average Boy” stories, sign up for *Focus on the Family Clubhouse* magazine, ask Average Boy a question, and learn more about the podcast—all at AverageBoy.org.



Episode 1: Stewardship

- Which of God’s creations is your favorite? Why?
- Which of God’s gifts are you most thankful for?
- How can you be a good steward of the things God has given you?
- What are some ways that our family can care for the environment?
- What are some ways that you can show care for God’s creatures?
- Name some items that our family can recycle.
- How do God’s resources provide for our family?

Episode 2: Technology

- What is your favorite technology to use? Why do you like it?
- Why is it important to take breaks from technology to go outside, exercise or do different activities?
- What is so important about living in the moment?
- Have there been important people, events or moments you have missed because you were distracted by technology?
- In what ways can technology be good? In what ways can it be harmful?
- List some ways that, by spending less time using technology, you can grow closer to God, spend time with friends and family, or serve in the community.

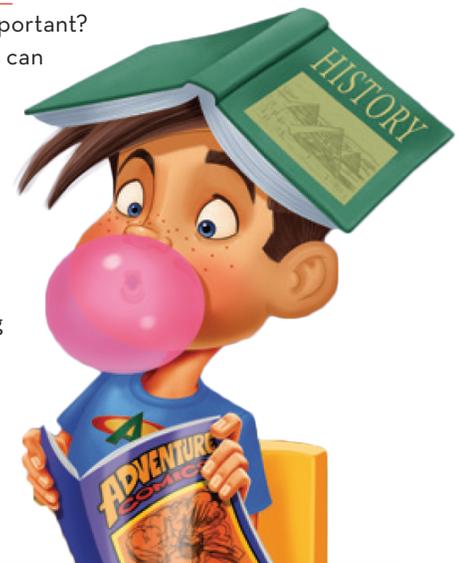
Challenge: Put away the technology for a week. What did you learn about yourself in that time? What did you spend your time doing?

Episode 3: God’s Body

- What do bees and being part of God’s body have in common?
- What unique skills has God given you?
- Why do you think that He gave those particular skills to you?
- How can you use those skills to bring glory to God and to bless others?
- Would you rather be the head or the foot of a body? Why?
- List some ways that you could serve in the body of Christ.

Episode 4: Manners

- Why are manners so important?
- List some ways that you can show good manners.
- What are some times and places where it’s especially important to have good manners?
- How can having good manners and respecting others help us to share God’s love?
- Name some ways that you can use good manners to build up others around you.



Episode 5: Reading the Bible



- What is your favorite book or verse in the Bible? What makes it your favorite?
- What type of books do you like to read? For example, do you like stories with lots of adventure? How about mysteries or historical stories? Do you have a favorite book?
- In what ways can you live out God's Word?
- Talk about a time when God turned something into a bigger and better blessing than anyone expected.

- What are some different ways that you could read and study the Bible?

Challenge: Memorize a new Bible verse or passage this week.

Episode 6: Godly Friends

- Why is it so important to make good friends?
- Are the friends that you currently spend time with a good influence or a bad influence? Do they draw you closer to God or pull you away?
- Who is your best friend? Why is he or she your best friend?
- What are some ways that you can stand up to negative peer pressure?
- Talk about a time when you did something you knew was wrong. What lesson did you learn from it?
- How can you encourage your friends to follow God?

Episode 7: Responsibility

- Do you consider yourself a reliable person?
- In what areas could you be more reliable?
- What are some things that others rely on you to do?
- How can keeping your commitments help others?
- Talk about a time when you broke a promise or didn't keep a commitment. What was the result?
- How do your actions impact others when you aren't reliable?
- How can being reliable and responsible help you share God's love?

Episode 8: Finding a Mentor

- Do you have a mentor? Who is it?
- What do you most admire about your mentor?
- Why are mentors important?
- How can a mentor guide you and encourage you in your walk with Christ?
- List some ways that you can be a good mentor to others.
- If you could pick one person in the Bible to be your mentor, who would it be? Why?

Episode 9: Body = Temple of God

- Why is it important to take care of our bodies?
- List some ways that you can keep your body strong and healthy.
- What are some ways that you can strengthen your spirit, as well as your body?

- Has God ever used your strength to help others?
- What is your favorite way to build up your body? Your spirit?
- How can you be content with your body, even if it's not what you hoped for (i.e. wanting to be stronger, taller, thinner, etc.)?

Episode 10: Identity in Christ

- Where does your worth come from?
- What are some unique ways in which God created you?
- Talk about a situation in which you didn't feel like you were good enough, strong enough, fast enough, etc. How did you overcome it?
- What special skills has God given you?
- Was there ever a time when you took your focus off of God? What was the result? How are things different when you keep your life focused on God?
- How does finding our identity in Christ give us peace in making decisions about what we do or say?
- How does knowing Jesus as our Savior make us way above average?

Episode 11: Salvation

- Do you have friends who don't know Jesus?
- How can you share your faith with those friends?
- List some friends that you could invite to church.
- Talk about a time when you had to forgive someone or receive their forgiveness. How did you feel afterward?
- Is it possible to get to heaven without Jesus?
- Have you given your life to Jesus? When did you accept Him into your heart? How has He changed you?
- If you haven't accepted Jesus, what has held you back? Are you willing to accept His love now?

Episode 12: Siblings

- Do you get along well with your siblings?
- Do you think your relationship with your siblings will change as you get older?
- How can you encourage and show love to your siblings?
- How can you encourage their walk with Jesus?
- List some ways that can you be a good brother or sister.
- Name some positives that you see in your siblings.

Episode 13: Service

- Why should we serve others?
- What does the Bible say about serving others?
- Name some examples of how Jesus served others.
- How can serving others be a way to share God's love with them?
- List some ways that you can serve your family, friends, neighbors, church or community.
- Who do you see as "the least of these" in your community? Are there ways you could serve them?

