Spiritual Conversations Role Play

Work with a partner. Using your own words, improvise the following conversations, which follow the Small Talk, Deep Talk, God Talk pattern. Choose one to start with, then do a second (or third) practice conversation if you have time.

#1) Joey's Birthday Party - Two people meet at the party who do not know each other.

Small Talk – "How do you know Joey?"

Deep Talk - One person (Joey's relative) is new in town, lonely.

God Talk - The other person invites Joey's relative to church and explains why they like it.

#2) Bad Day - Two close friends meet up for the first time in a while.

Small Talk - How have you been?

Deep Talk - One person shares about trouble at home.

God Talk - "That is TOUGH. When I face something so hard, it helps me to pray about it. May I pray with you right now?" (pray aloud together)

#3) Follower of Another Faith — (continued on back)

#3) Follower of Another Faith - Two neighbor friends catch up on the sidewalk.

Small Talk - How was your weekend?

Deep Talk - "We had prayers at the Mosque for my Grandpa who died last year." (Many religious traditions offer prayers at the one-year anniversary of a loss."

God Talk - "Wow. So sorry to hear about your loss . . . How has your family been since then? (pause) I've never been to prayers at a mosque in memory of someone. Tell me more about that." (listen)

"Losing someone is really hard . . . When my family lost _____ it made a huge difference to us that they knew Jesus. We believe that if someone knows and follows Jesus, they will live forever . . . (Explain more if time allows.)

(If they seem interested: The Bible has a lot more to say about the issues of life. Would you like to read it with me sometime?)