

# Pair and Share

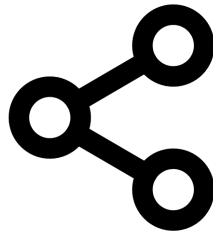
## Helping students share what they are learning about the Savior

“The Lord wants all of us—not just His prophets—to have the power to speak His word...That is why it is so important to give learners opportunities to share with each other what they are learning about the Savior and His gospel.

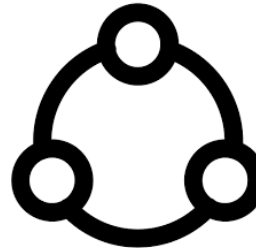
Doing this will help them internalize the truths they are taught and express them. It will also help them gain confidence in their ability to share truths in other settings.”

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**HAVING ONE STUDENT SHARE WITH THE WHOLE CLASS IS POWERFUL, BUT ONLY ONE STUDENT CAN TALK AT A TIME. THIS LIMITS HOW MANY CAN SHARE.**



OR



**PUTTING STUDENTS IN SMALL GROUPS AND HAVING THEM SHARE WITH EACH OTHER VASTLY INCREASES HOW MANY STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE.**

## 1. ORGANIZE IT

### GROUPS

- Be very clear about the size of group.
- Are they choosing their groups or are you?
- Be careful to make sure no one is left out.

“Get in groups of 2 or 3”  
“Pair up with 1 other person”  
“I’m going to put you in groups”  
“Hannah, will you be part of this group?”

### STARTERS

- Assign a person to start the conversation.
- Get creative, don’t always have the same starter, have fun with it!

“Oldest person starts”  
“Tallest person, you start”  
“Person with the most siblings starts”

### TASKS

- Be crystal clear about what they need to share.
- You will probably need to repeat this a few times 😊.

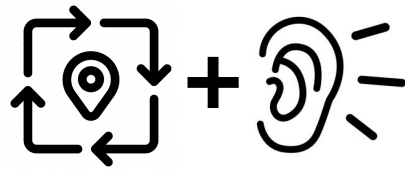
“Share your thoughts on this quote”  
“What’s your favorite part?”  
“Answer the question up on the board”

### TIME

- Give them enough time for everyone to share.
- Give a 1-minute or 30-second warning so they can wrap up their thoughts.

“You have 5 minutes to share your thoughts”  
“Keep sharing until 10:45”  
“You’ve got 1 minute left, start to wrap it up”

## 2. WANDER & LISTEN



- While they are sharing, wander around and listen in.
- This will help groups stay on task.
- Listen for comments that need to be shared with the whole class.

## 3. CLASS SHARE

Many times you will want students share with the whole class after a pair and share. Keep in mind the following:

### HONOR AGENCY

Talking in front of others is scary. Give a graceful way to bow out if they don't feel comfortable.

"You're never going to be forced to talk if you don't want to"  
"If you don't feel comfortable sharing, say PASS"

### VOLUNTEER

Set a clear expectation for sharing. This motivates people to share AND prevents too many sharers.

"I won't be able to call on everyone"  
"I need 3 comments on this one"  
"I'd love to hear from just 2 people"

### VOLUN-TOLD

There is nothing wrong with calling on people to share. Just make sure to honor agency. 👍

"Susie, you said some awesome stuff in your group. Will you share with the class?"  
"Howard, I'd love to hear your thoughts on this."