

The Parent Podcast

Initial Brainstorm

The goal of this exercise is simply to get some initial thoughts flowing for your podcast. Create at least five different sentences using the following sentence pattern:

“I would like to tell _____ about _____.”

The grid below shows some examples – you should add your own.

First Blank	Second Blank
The wider community	how a scientific discovery led me to worship
My family	how to disagree but still love each other
God	my questions about this universe
My parents	how amazing cells are

Designing your podcast

Review your ideas from the brainstorming activity and narrow your focus down to a single idea. It should be:

- Interesting to a non-scientist (Check how much special terminology might be needed, or how many other aspects of science the listener will need to understand to make sense of the podcast.)
- Concrete and specific (Check that you are focusing on a particular finding rather than a whole area of science.)
- Compact enough to explain in two minutes (Think about whether the topic you choose can make a compelling story on its own.)

Think also about how you will affirm faith through your podcast. The goal here is not to talk about science for a while and then add a devotional moment as icing on the top. Think about how faith could motivate a particular approach to your topic, for example:

- Does your topic evoke a sense of wonder at the complexity of creation?
- Is a particular virtue, such as humility or patience, relevant to the scientific work that you will describe?
- Is the finding that you will describe something for which we should be thankful?
- Does your topic open up possibilities for service or help encourage good stewardship of creation?
- Does your topic reflect the pursuit of truth?

Think about how you will communicate this faith focus to your audience.

Write your topic and your faith focus here:

Topic:

Faith focus:

Outline of your podcast

Be sure to include the following elements:

- How will you begin? Craft an opening sentence that catches the listener's attention. Beginning with a question can work well. Will you use an opening sound effect?
- What are the key points you need to make? (Not more than three).
- What is the key point that you need to summarize at the end? How will the listener know that you have reached the end?

Record your podcast

Decide who will narrate which part. Use your outline to rehearse narrating your podcast, timing yourself, until you can narrate it fluently within two minutes. Think about tone of voice and how it communicates enthusiasm or wonder to your audience. Once you are confident, it is helpful to have someone from outside your team listen to you narrate your podcast and tell you what they think your main emphases were – this will give you an idea of whether you have communicated your main focus well. When you are confident that you are ready, record your podcast.