



Share the magic of Along

Build understanding, excitement, and buy-in one question at a time.

Ever notice how new things can sometimes be difficult to describe in a way that does them justice? Seeing really is believing. We've created this resource to give you ways to help others experience the magic of Along for themselves and leave them wanting to know more.

STEP 1:

Pick a question!

The best way to share Along is by connecting over one of our research-informed reflection questions. Here are a few we know will inspire curiosity and conversation. See how much you can learn about someone in just one minute.

Pick one to start the conversation.



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If the zombie apocalypse were coming tomorrow, what skills would you bring to your survival group?

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What traditions matter to you? Why are they important to you?

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What's something you feel like you're "too old" to do, but you still enjoy?

Or choose your own from [Along's Library](#).

STEP 2:

Share the magic.

Once you've selected a question, show just how easy it is to integrate Along's reflection questions into the day by adding it to an existing structure or routine. Depending on your context, you may be introducing Along to a group of colleagues, colleagues and students, or to a mix of folks - adults and students. Here are a few ideas.



Get the conversation started with a meeting opener.

At an upcoming meeting, use one of the questions to kick things off. It could be a staff meeting, grade level team or department team meeting, an administrative team meeting, a parent night, a PTA or PTSA meeting—anywhere your intended audience is gathered. Share the question and your response

aloud with attendees, give them a moment to consider a reply, then ask them to turn to a partner and share their response. After giving a couple of minutes to share, ask for a few volunteers to share what they learned about their partner. Ask participants to consider what they learned about another person in that short amount of time, how it felt to be asked to share a reflection, and how it felt to share a response.

Want to add one of the questions to a presentation? No problem. Simply [copy the slide](#) with the question you want to use and add it to your presentation.



Add a reflection question to morning announcements.

During morning announcements (or afternoon, depending on your context), pose the question, share your response to the question, and invite students to turn and talk in their classrooms to share their response with a peer. Invite teachers to share their responses aloud to their students. Throughout the day as you greet students and educators around the building, ask them to share their answer with you.

It can be easy to forget the exact question in the moment. We've got you. [Here is a phone friendly link](#) to the 3 questions above so you have the question handy.



Post a question where your colleagues gather.

Print one of the questions and post it where folks can see it and reply—a whiteboard or bulletin board, the door of the refrigerator, beside the microwave—get creative! Invite folks to grab a marker and share their response.

[Here are printable versions](#) of suggested questions. Just pick one, print, and post.

No matter how you choose to share the magic of Along, there are a few simple actions you can take that will make all the difference.

- **Share your own response** to the question. It will inspire others to share.
- **Be excited** to tell others about Along. Enthusiasm is contagious.
- **Be ready with ideas** for how Along could benefit the students and teachers in your community.

STEP 3:

Feed their curiosity

Now that you have gotten the conversation started, follow up by sharing more about Along and take next steps to bring Along to your school community.

- Point out that you really just scratched the surface of what Along has to offer and direct them to [along.org](#) to learn more.
- Encourage them to share thoughts and ideas for how Along could make a difference for students and teachers and tell them how to reach out to you.
- Schedule a follow-up with the appropriate stakeholders and determine what next steps you will take. And remember, [our team](#) is here to support you every step of the way.

Find more resources like this one to help you get started with Along on our resources page at [along.org/resources](#).