OPEN THE DOOR 01

"What was the magic trick that got you the most? How do you think he did it?"

Start with the fun part. Every trick carried a lesson, and kids who explain the trick usually explain the lesson too.

INFLUENCE 02

"Do kids at school really vape? Where do they even get them?"

Asking about **other kids** gets honest answers. Most students don't vape: about 1 in 20 middle and high schoolers did in the past month.

CONSIDER THE SOURCE 03

"He said the only people who call vaping safe are the ones who use it and the ones who sell it. Do you agree?"

Let them argue it. A conclusion your child reaches on their own is the one they'll keep.

THE MARKETING 04

"Why do you think vapes come in candy flavors and look like USB drives?"

Sixth graders hate being played. Helping them see the marketing is more powerful than any warning.

WHAT'S INSIDE 05

"So if it isn't water vapor, what is it?"

An aerosol: propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, flavorings, nicotine or THC, and tiny metal particles. Approved to **eat**, not to inhale.

PRACTICE THE MOMENT 06

"If someone offered you one, what would you actually say?"

Rehearsed lines come out under pressure. Students heard: **"Nah, I'm good."** No speech needed.

BE THEIR EXCUSE 07

"You can always blame me. Say I test you. I don't mind being the bad guy."

Not a question. Something to say out loud. Students were told to blame their parents, and many don't realize you'll back them up.

THE CODE WORD 08

"Let's pick a code word. If you text it, I'll call and make you come home. No questions that night."

The speaker's family uses **"fine."** It gets your child out of a bad spot without losing face. Talk it over calmly the next day.

YOUR REASON WHY 09

"When you're grown up, what do you want your life to look like?"

He asked students to find their reason why. A kid with a picture of their future has a reason to make the smart choice in a split second.

BORED & STRESSED 10

"What do you do when you're bored or stressed? What actually helps?"

"Be productive, not destructive." A child with healthy ways to cope has less reason to reach for an escape. Share what works for you.

YOUR PEOPLE 11

"Who builds you up? Who pulls you down?"

He called the second group **"quicksand people."** This gets more honest answers than asking about specific friends.

KEEP THIS ONE 12

Help, any time

Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy: **317-789-1300**

Teens 13+ who want to quit: text **DITCHVAPE** to **88709**

Parents of kids who vape: text **QUIT** to **202-899-7550**

Poison Control: **1-800-222-1222**

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: call or text **988**

Emergency: **911**