Sharing the Gospel with Kids

Levels of Biblical Learning — SALVATION

| Younger Preschoolers | Middle Preschoolers | Older Preschoolers |
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| 0-12 months | 1-3 years | 3-5 years |
| God loves us. God cares about us. | God sent Jesus because He loves us. God sent Jesus because He cares about us. People make wrong choices. | God sent Jesus to help people because He loves them. God sent His only Son, Jesus, because He cares about us. People sometimes choose to disobey God. |

| Younger Children | Middle Children | Preteens |
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| 6-8 years | 9-11 years | 10-12 years |
| God provided a way for people to become Christians because He loves them. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to be the only Savior of the world. Sin is choosing my way and disobeying God. Jesus took the punishment for people's sins. People who trust Jesus as their Savior and Lord are Christians. God will forgive people when they ask Him. | God provided a plan for salvation because He loves me. Salvation is the beginning of a growing relationship with Jesus that lasts forever. Through salvation, my sin is forgiven and the gift of eternal life with God begins. The punishment for sin is separation from God. Jesus died to pay the penalty for all my sins—past, present, and future. God's salvation is a gift that every person needs and can receive. When the Holy Spirit convicts me of my sin, I can turn away from my sin (repent) and trust Jesus as my personal Savior. | God had a plan for salvation before the beginning of time. Jesus willingly died to provide salvation. Jesus' death and resurrection make salvation possible. The punishment for sin is eternal death and hell. People cannot save themselves. Jesus died to pay the penalty for my sins, redeeming and rescuing me from sin and death. God's salvation is eternal. Nothing can separate Christians from God's love. A growing relationship with Jesus is important and necessary. A Christian experiences joy when he recognizes God is at work in his life and in the lives of others. |