

RESOURCE SHEET



WORDS are IMPORTANT

Use WORDS that kids understand. Here are some “churchy” or confusing words that we sometimes use. Consider these alternate words and definitions.

SIN – Choosing our way instead of God’s; doing what does not please God; things that make God sad; things I’ve messed up

ADMIT – To own up to or to agree.

BELIEVE/FAITH – Trust completely

CONFESS – To tell.

REPENT – Turn away from the wrong things you have done and obey Jesus

HOLY SPIRIT — the Helper, helps us understand and trust God

CHRISTIAN/DISCIPLE– a person who follows Christ

BAPTISM– Outward sign that we have trusted Christ completely

LORD– God, the One in charge, the Boss

SAVED – No longer separated from God

BORN AGAIN – Trusting God as your Savior

ETERNAL LIFE – Never ending life with Christ

FORGIVENESS – When you tell God you are sorry for the wrong things you have done and He forgets about them

CONFESS – Tell

COMMIT – Give completely

BEST PRACTICES

Deal with each child individually — avoid mass appeals so that you can focus your attention on the need and questions of the child.

Be conversational and ask open-ended questions — open-ended questions require the child to give you more than a yes/no answer. This invites conversation and allows you to determine the child’s motivation and understanding of the decision they are making.

Use the Bible along with an age-appropriate witnessing tool — this will allow you to stay on task and to share with a visual that has been developed for children. If the child has a Bible, use theirs so that they can read the verses and follow along with you.

Lead a child to make an appropriate decision — you will come to a time of decision and you want to give the child adequate time and space to make an authentic. If a child hesitates, it is prudent to pray with them and follow up. Be sure to involve the parent after your conversation and make a time to revisit with the child and assess where they are. It is important not to pressure a child but listen to their questions and respond in a way that keeps their need in view.

Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit — the Spirit will lead and guide you.

Important CONCEPTS that Kids Need to Understand about the Gospel (using the Biblical Levels of Learning)

Here is a basic flow of concepts that you should cover when sharing the Gospel with kids.

God Because God LOVES us and CREATED us, He GAVE .	Jesus Jesus is God’s ONLY SON who GAVE HIS LIFE FOR US .	Sin Sin SEPARATES us from God.
People We cannot SOLVE (FIX) the sin problem. ALL people need Jesus.	Salvation We can ACCEPT God’s GIFT of salvation and have God in our life NOW & FOREVER	Discipleship We can TRUST Jesus to be our LORD and SAVIOR .

NOTE: the Biblical Levels of Learning can be found on www.lifeway.com / can be downloaded for FREE.

GOSPEL RESOURCES

Gospel: God’s Plan for ME	Gospel Guides found with VBS resources	Gospel Plane	Wordless Book
The Roman Road	ABC’s of Becoming a Christian	Now That I’m a Christian	What’s YOURS???