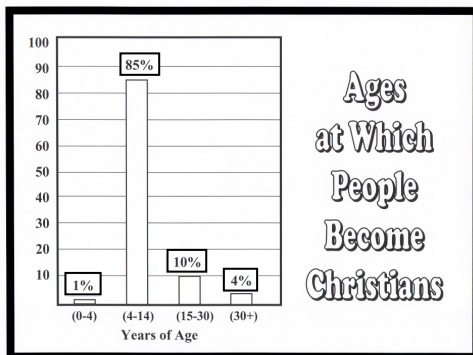


Evangelizing Boys and Girls

Why Evangelize Children?

Children Need Salvation

- Children face many problems.
 1. Broken homes
 2. Violence
 3. Alcohol and drugs
 4. Pornography
 5. Sexual abuse
 6. False cults
 7. Death and suicide
- Children are our future generation.
- Children can be saved.
- Children readily respond to the Gospel.



The Old Testament Commands It

- God instructed the Israelites to teach their children and their grandchildren, so that they in turn might teach their children (Deut. 4:9, 10).
- Parents were commanded to teach God's Word diligently to their children throughout the day, in every place and in every circumstance. The Word of God was to be constantly before them and their children (Deut. 6:6-7).
- God's cycle of teaching is to continue on and on (Ps. 78:1-7).

The Lord Jesus Taught It

- The Lord Jesus Himself invited the little children to come to Him.
(Mark 10:14)
- The Lord Jesus picked up a small child (Matt. 18:2).
- The Lord Jesus spoke about the humility of the children (Matt. 18:3, 4).
Little children are usually humble, teachable and trustful.
- The Lord Jesus placed great value on little children (Matt. 18:5).
- The Lord Jesus warned against causing “one of these little ones who believes in Me to sin” (Matt. 18:6).
Mikros—very little one
- It is not God’s will that little children perish (Matt. 18:14).

“Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

Matthew 18:14

Presenting the Message of Salvation

The Foundational Truths (The Need of Salvation)

- The Bible is the Word of God (2 Tim. 3:15, 16)
- The true and living God is . . .
 1. The creator of all things (Gen. 1:1; Acts 17:24)
 - “He made everything”
 - “He made you!”
 2. Love
 - “He loves YOU!” (John 3:16a)
 3. Holy, without sin (Isa. 6:3)
 - “He is perfect. He never sinned.”



- Man is . . .



1. A sinner by nature (Rom. 3:10).
You are born with a “want-to” to do wrong.
2. A sinner by act.
Definition of sin: “Sin is anything that displeases God.”
Examples of sin
Scripture verse to help child know he has sinned
(Rom. 3:23).
3. Separated from God by sin (Isa. 59:2).
4. Unable to save himself (Eph. 2:8, 9).

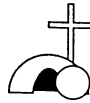
The Gospel (The Way of Salvation)

- The person of Jesus Christ.

1. He is God, the Son (John 20:31).
2. Jesus is perfect man (Gal. 4:4; Gal. 4:15).

- The work of Jesus Christ.

1. He gave His blood for your forgiveness and died willingly.



Explain how and why Jesus died, continuing to make your teaching personal. (“Jesus died on the cross for **your** sin.” He took the punishment for **your** sin.”)

Include a Scripture verse, such as Hebrews 9:22b, in your teaching to show the necessity of a blood offering for sin.

2. Jesus was buried, rose again, and is living today (1 Corinthians 15:3b, 4).

The Appropriation (The Invitation for Salvation)

- God invites you to receive Christ personally for salvation.
- Invite the child to receive Christ.



1. Use an invitation Scripture verse, such as John 1:12, John 3:16, or Acts 16:31, which states what God offers (His promise) and what the child’s response should be (the condition).

2. Explain the invitation verse.

- **Admit** that you are a sinner
- **Believe** with all your heart that Jesus alone has taken your place in dying for your sin
- **Call** on the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior (John 1:12; 3:16; Acts 16:31).

"At every step in leading a child
to Christ, pray for,
look for, and expect the Holy
Spirit to convict of sin,
to reveal the truth of the
Gospel, and to illumine the
child's mind so he can grasp the
saving truth."

—J. Irvin Overholtzer, founder of *Child
Evangelism Fellowship*®

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