

Preparing an Evangelistic Bible Lesson

Prepare Your Heart

- Pray for yourself; ask God to speak to you through this Scripture passage.
- Pray for your students and ask God to speak through you as you teach them.
- Depend on the Holy Spirit as you prepare and as you teach. Trust Him to meet the needs of each child.

Read the Scripture Passage

Ask yourself the following questions.

- **What does it say?**

Look at the facts

Make a list.

- **What does it mean?**

Is the main character a believer or a nonbeliever?

Look for biblical principles that transcend time.

- **What is God saying to me?**

Make it personal

How will I respond to God's truth?

How can I apply this message to the children?

Look at the Lesson Text

- Lesson and Scripture passage
- Teacher's objective
An objective is what the teacher desires the child to do as a result of hearing the Bible lesson.
- Main teaching
The main teaching is a central truth of the Bible portion stated on a child's level.
- Emphasis for saved
Include a brief teaching for the saved child.

Notice the Four Parts of a Bible Lesson

• Introduction

Plan a brief opening that will create interest in what you will teach.

An introduction could be:

1. A short illustration that relates to the lesson
2. A question.
3. An exciting story event
4. A direct approach

• Progression of events

Events of the story are listed in order from the Scripture passage. These provide the action of the story and lead up to the climax.

Analyze the Bible passage for natural places to teach the Message of Salvation truths.



1. What sin, problem, or sickness is evident in the life of the main character or in the Bible story?

Relate this to the NEED in the life of the child.

2. Where can I teach God's love for the main character? OR Where can I teach a truth about God that will also enable me to teach His love?

Relate God's love for the child.



3. What solution does God offer for the problem?

Relate this to the WAY of salvation.

4. Where can I include a brief teaching for the saved child?



• Climax

The climax is one definite statement, usually the high point of the action and suspense.

• Conclusion

The conclusion follows the climax and is brief. It finishes up the action of the story, bringing it to a satisfying end.

Give an Invitation



The invitation is the opportunity given to the unsaved child so he can respond to the teaching of the Word of God and the working of the Holy Spirit and show his desire to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

1. Review the **NEED** of salvation.
2. Review the **WAY** of salvation.
3. Read or quote an invitation **VERSE**. Explain both the condition and promise.
4. Have the children **BOW** their heads and close their eyes.
5. Ask a **QUESTION** that gives the child the opportunity to respond and come to Christ.
6. When a child responds, **SEPARATE** him from the group so you can counsel him.

The Light of the World

Scripture:	Luke 18:35-43
Memory Verse:	John 8:12 “. . . I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”
Teaching Objective:	The unsaved child will receive Jesus, the Light of the World, who will take away the darkness of sin.
Main Teaching:	Jesus, the Light of the World, came to take away your darkness of sin.
Emphasis for Saved:	Tell someone living in the darkness of sin about Jesus, the Light of the World.

I. Introduction

Have you ever thought what it would be like to not be able to see—to always be in darkness?

II. Progression of Events

A. Blind Bartimaeus sat by the roadside begging (18:35).



Bartimaeus was in physical darkness because he could not see with his eyes. But he had a much greater problem. Bartimaeus had darkness in his heart because of sin.

You and I are also born with sinful hearts. The Bible says, “There is none righteous, [right before God], no, not one” (Rom. 3:10). God says that living in sin is like being in darkness because we are apart from Him and cannot find our way to Him; sin has blinded us from seeing the truth about ourselves and about God. What is sin? Anything that does not please God. (*Give examples—disobeying your parents or teachers, trying to hide the bad things you do or lying to not get caught, taking something that doesn’t belong to you, cheating—or anything else that does not please God.*) God also says that sin must be punished; the punishment is to be forever separated from God in a terrible place of darkness. Without the Lord Jesus you are in the darkness of sin.

Bartimaeus also had darkness in his heart because of sin. It was a much greater problem than not being able to see with his eyes.

B. He heard a crowd going by and asked what was happening (18:36).

C. They told him Jesus was passing by (18:37).

D. Bartimaeus called out to Jesus (18:38).

E. The crowd tried to quiet him, but he shouted louder (18:39).

F. Jesus stopped and asked that the man be brought to Him (18:40).

How he loved Bartimaeus!



Did you know that God loves you? He loves everyone in the whole world. Did you know He made each one of us? He knows all about you—the color of your eyes and if you’re short or tall. He also knows about your sinful heart; nothing is hidden from Him. God also made the sky, the beautiful flowers and trees and the whole world! Because Jesus is God, He is perfect and pure from all sin. That’s why there can be no sin in Heaven. But in spite of our sin, God the Father “loved us, and sent His Son” (1 John 4:10). Jesus is God the Son. How He loves you and me—much more than we can ever imagine!

Jesus loved Bartimaeus too!

G. Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted Jesus to do for him (18:41).

He was the only one who could take away the darkness of sin in Bartimaeus’ heart.



Jesus is the only one who can take away the sin in your heart too. Just a few days after being in Jericho, the Lord Jesus would die on the cross, taking the punishment for the sins of the whole world. You and I know today that Jesus died for our sins. He willingly died, giving His precious blood to make a way for your sins and mine to be forgiven. Jesus didn’t deserve to die, because He had no sin at all. The Bible says that by dying, the Lord “delivered us from the power of darkness . . . through his blood” (Col. 1:13-14). Jesus’ blood, given on the cross, frees us from the darkness of our separation from God by sin. Jesus died and was buried, but He came alive again. He lives today in Heaven. Jesus is the only one who can take the darkness of sin from your heart.

Jesus was the only one who could take the darkness of sin from Bartimaeus’ heart. He was also the only one with the power to give Bartimaeus his eyesight.

H. Bartimaeus asked to receive his sight (18:41).

I. Jesus told him to receive his sight; his faith had healed him (18:42).

III. Climax

Bartimaeus received his sight—he was no longer in darkness! (18:43)

IV. Ending

A. Conclusion

Bartimaeus followed Jesus, praising God (18:43).

The people also praised God (18:43).



If you have already called on Jesus, you can tell someone living in the darkness of sin about Jesus, the Light of the World. The Bible says in Mark 16:15 that we should “preach [tell] the gospel [the good news about Jesus] to every creature [everyone in the whole world and especially those around us].”

You can do it today! Tell your friends or family members what the Lord Jesus has done for you. Tell your neighbors or your school teacher that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and how and when you asked Him to be your Savior. You may be the only person to tell them how they can call on the Lord Jesus as Their Savior from sin. Follow Bartimaeus’ example and tell the good news about Jesus, the Light of the World.

B. Invitation

Bartimaeus came to know that the Lord Jesus Christ is truly the Light of the World.

Today the Lord Jesus has the power to take away the darkness of sin in your life. Your sin separates you from God.



God loves you and wants you to live with Him someday in Heaven. But God is holy, and there can be no sin where He is. Sin would spoil the wonderful place He has prepared for those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and have their sins forgiven.

The Bible says, “whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom. 10:13). That means you need to come to Jesus and believe with all your heart that He died on the cross, giving His precious blood as payment for your sin. If you call on Him and trust Him as your Savior, you will no longer be in the darkness of sin. He will save you from the punishment you deserve and change your life forever. Please bow your heads and close your eyes. If you would like to call on Jesus, believing in Him to save you today, show me by quietly standing where you are. (*Allow response.*) Come with me now to (*designate location*) and I will show you from the Bible how you can be saved. Jesus, the Light of the World, came to take away your darkness of sin.