

Leading Children to Christ



Jesus said, “. . . *Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.*”
Mark 10:14

In *Matthew 18:14*, Jesus said, “*Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.*”

“*The world’s most **fruitful** Mission Field is not a particular place. It is not a particular **country**. It’s a certain kind of*

¹ _____ – it’s **YOUNG**
PEOPLE!” – George Eager – Mail Box Club –

“*When a child is saved, not only is a soul saved, but a ² _____ as well.*”

– D.L. Moody –



“*If a child is old enough to know that they have ³ _____, they are old enough to know that they need a Savior.*”

– George Eager –



We need to share Christ with young people while their hearts are ⁴ _____ and *receptive* to the *Gospel*.

The Counseling Time



All **Salvation** decisions should be dealt with ***one-on-one*** rather than in a ⁵ _____.

It is ***vital*** that the decision a child makes is ⁶ _____ decision. We don’t want to give children a ⁷ _____ assurance of their Salvation; which may hinder them from ***true*** conversion at a later time.

It would be better to wait on making a decision, than to pray a prayer that is not really genuine.



The Weeding-out Process

Children who come forward *for Salvation* are sent to the counseling room with one of the counselors.

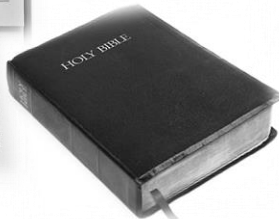
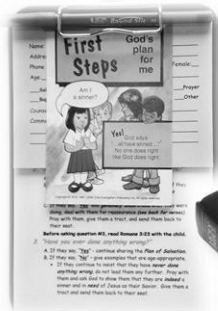
Children who come forward to pray for things **other** than *Salvation*, can be divided into two separate groups:

1. The *Prayer Group*, and
2. The *Reassurance Group*.

Many times, children come forward because of *other* things that are heavy on their hearts. Taking the time to pray with them about these things shows 8 _____, and may open the door for them to come to you at a later time for *other* important decisions (*including* , _____).



Counseling Packet



The *Counseling packet* will include a:

- Bible
- “3 Main Questions” Card (*laminated*)
- Decision Card
- Children’s Tract
- Adult Tract
- Salvation Decisions List
- Pen

Salvation Decisions List

After the first two Salvation decisions for the week, we will create a *Salvation Decisions List*; that will become a part of the *Counseling Packet*. This list will be updated each evening and included on the *Counseling Packets*. The names of those who made *Salvation* decisions, will be listed in alphabetical order (*according to their last name*). This list is extremely helpful in cutting down on 10 _____ “Salvation” decisions for the week.

Calvary Baptist Church			
Name	Age	Counselor	Date
Case, Charity	13	Iva Hadit	6/9/20__
Lofur, Penny	9	Harry I. Ball	6/11/20__
Makit, Willy	11	M. T. Head	6/5/20__

The Counseling Room

Prepare a large room with tables and chairs for those who come forward during the invitation. It also works well to have several sets of chairs (*slightly facing each other*) set-up throughout the room.



We also ask that a ¹¹ _____ be designated to go back with the first group to the “counseling room,” and remain in the room until the last group is finished.

No matter how many people you are counseling, **all doors** should be left ¹² _____.



It is **important** that the main counselor be an ¹³ _____.

A counseling session (*in this setting*) should not be more than 10-15 minutes long, unless there are ¹⁴ _____ circumstances. However, if you only take ¹⁵ _____ minutes to deal with someone about Salvation, then you did not take long enough.



3 Main Questions

When counseling children, try to avoid asking “¹⁶ _____” questions

(or “yes” questions) – ask questions that require a sentence or two in response.

1. “What would you like to pray about?”

Instead of saying, “*You want to get saved, don’t you?*” It would be much better to ask, “*What would you like to pray about?*” This gives the *child* a chance to *tell you* why they came forward. If they mention wanting to go to Heaven or get saved, *go to question #2.*

2. “Have you ever asked Jesus to save you before?”

A. If they say, “**No**,” *go to question #3.* If they say, “**Yes**” – *ask them to tell you about it.* If they cannot remember any ¹⁷ _____, are unsure, or they give you a testimony that *does not relate to the Salvation experience*, they need to be dealt with for **Salvation - go to question #3.**

B. If they say, “**Yes**” and *can recall* the situation (*and genuinely understood what they were doing*), then they need to be dealt with for ¹⁸ _____ . *I John 5:13, John 5:24, Romans 10:13*



3. "Have you ever done anything wrong?"



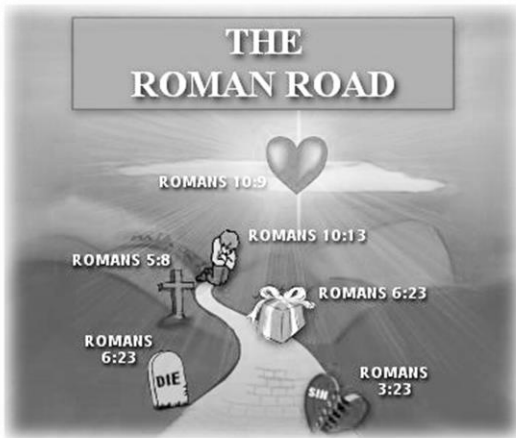
If they say, "No," and insist that they have **never done anything wrong** – then they are either too ¹⁹ _____ to understand or they are **lying**. Either way, they are **not ready** to get saved. Pray with them and ask God to show them that they are **indeed** a sinner and in **need** of Jesus as their Savior.

If a child cannot be talked into being a ²⁰ _____, then neither should they be talked into becoming a Christian.

It is very important that the child realizes their **sinful condition** and their **need** for a Savior. If they cannot understand (**or admit**) this, then they should **not** be led any further – this could lead to a ²¹ _____ decision, and many problems later for **genuine** conversion.



Keep in mind that many children need ²² _____ to words such as: **Sin, Wages, Perish, Everlasting,** and **Death**. (Example: Rom. 6:23 - **Death means: being separated from God forever – in a terrible place called "Hell"**).



Use a plan that you are familiar or comfortable with - make it simple, but **do** include the essentials.

1. **The Roman's Road**

- Romans 3:10
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 5:8
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 10:9-13

2. **John 3:16**

Prayer

If a child has the courage to come forward during the invitation, then (*whatever the* ²³ _____) it is important that we **take the time** to pray with them.

I. Ask the child how old they are, and (*no matter what age they tell you*) share with them that they are **old enough** to pray to God (**there is no** ²⁴ _____ **with God**).





II. There are three basic things that need to be included in their prayer:

A. Admit that they are a sinner. (*Rom.3:23*)

B. Believe who Jesus is and **what** He did.
(*Acts 16:31*)

C. Call out to God and **ask** Him to forgive their sin and to save them. (*Rom.10:13*)

III. After the child has **decided** to accept Jesus as their Savior, encourage them to pray to God ²⁵ _____ so you can hear them.

Just before they pray, remind them that they are praying to **Jesus** and **not** to you. It is important that they think about **Him** as they pray (*this helps them to stay* ²⁶ _____).



By doing the above, you will have done three very important things:



1. You will have convinced them that they are **old enough** to pray.
2. You will have told them (*basically*) **what** they need to pray.
3. You are **expecting** them to **pray** when you close *your* eyes and bow *your* head.

Assurance

After they pray the “**Sinner’s Prayer**,” ask them **who** they prayed to, and if they **really** meant what they prayed. **Assure** them that if they were **serious** about their decision, then **according to** ²⁷ _____ (not **our** word) they are now a child of God.



Dealing with doubts



1. When you ask Jesus to save you, does He come for a ²⁸ _____, or does He come to stay?
2. Since Jesus comes to stay, do you have to ask Him to come in again, since He is already there?
3. Now that you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, will you ever mess up and ²⁹ _____ again?” I John 1:9 was written to **Christians** telling us what to do (*not if, but*) ³⁰ _____ we sin.

Dealing with doubts (continued)

Realize that ³¹ _____ can come from several *different* sources:

1 - ³² _____ *in our lives,*

2 - ³³ _____ trying to *discourage us,* and

3 - ³⁴ _____ trying to *show us that we still need to be saved.*

ANSWERS

1. people, 2. life, 3. sinned, 4. open, 5. group, 6. their, 7. false, 8. concern, 9. Salvation, 10. repeat, 11. lady, 12. open, 13. adult, 14. special, 15. 5, 16. leading, 17. details, 18. reassurance, 19. young, 20. sinner, 21. false, 22. definitions, 23. reason, 24. age limit, 25. out loud, 26. focused, 27. God's Word, 28. visit, 29. sin, 30. when, 31. doubts, 32. Sin, 33. Satan, 34. God

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