

Understanding the Gospel and Trusting Christ

elementary ages

Table discussion:

Introduce yourself and the names and ages of your children.

How close did you feel to God when you were in elementary school? Can you recall a memory from that time period that reminds you of how you felt about God?

Point One: Understanding faith through the eyes of a child

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- When were you saved? When _____!
- How did you receive it? Faith. It's the hand that holds the gift.
 - Receiving - Matthew 18:2-4
 - Believing - John 3:16
 - Trusting - Romans 10:9-12
- Go make disciples. How? Baptizing and teaching. Two sides of same coin.
 - Babies - Baptize and then teach
 - Adults - Teach then baptize

Table Discussion:

How would you describe your child spiritually? Confident? Quiet? Trusting? Inquisitive? Compassionate? Eager? Reluctant?

Point Two: Three ways to explain the Gospel

- The pattern with S: Sin—Savior—Salvation
- The pattern with ABC: Admit—Believe—Confess
- Gospel explained through:
 1. Wordless Bible: dark, red, white, blue, green, yellow
 2. Empty handed
 3. Bridge Illustration: Romans 6:23

Table discussion:

What ideas would you like to try?

Point Three: Creating ongoing conversations on the pathway of faith.

- Be there too!
- Invite Jesus into your heart. Today, tomorrow, and the next.
- Do you know Jesus as your Savior (rescuer) and Lord?
- Is something you've done wrong bothering you? Tell Jesus.
- If your life ended and God asked you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?

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Wrap Up Thought:

How should we be praying? What blessing should we pray over our children?

Wordless Bible or Friendship Bracelet

Dark bead - _____ (All are sinners.)

"Because all people have sinned, they have fallen short of God's glory." Romans 3:23

"The reward for sin is death, but the gift that God freely gives is everlasting life found in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

Red bead - _____ (Jesus' blood is the payment.)

"Christ died for us while we are still sinners. This demonstrates God's love for us." Romans 5:8

White bead - _____ (Forgiveness is offered.)

"Blessed are those whose disobedience is forgiven and whose sins are pardoned." Romans 4:7

Blue bead - _____ (We receive it by faith.)

"Everyone who believes has God's approval through faith in Jesus Christ." Romans 3:22

Green bead - _____ (We daily ask Jesus to be Lord of our life.)

"Brothers and sisters, because of God's compassion toward us, I encourage you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to Him. This kind of worship is appropriate for you." Romans 12:1

Gold bead - _____ (We know heaven is our home.)

"If we live, we honor the Lord, and if we die, we honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Romans 14:8

Bridge Example

"The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is everlasting life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

