

Screening Children & Salvation Counseling

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A class dedicated to dealing with a child from the time they leave their seat in the invitation to the time they accept Christ as their personal Savior.

S _____ **YOURSELF:**

***“ For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”
Heb. 5:13,14***

1. *Am I willing to lead children to Christ?* It is sad to say but the number one need that we see when we go into any church for any type of evangelistic service is the lack of people willing to lead children to Christ.
2. *Am I skillful in the Word to lead children to Christ?* The number two problem that we see is the lack of preparation and skill of the soul winner's that are willing to lead children to Christ.

CONSIDER THE CHILD (REN)

“But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” Matt. 19:14

1. Did you hear the gospel presentation? It is important to be conscious of the way the gospel was presented. Was the word “saved” used? Was eternal security dealt with? Consider all that was said and be spiritually prepared to deal with those who respond.
2. How many came forward in the invitation? The response can sometimes be overwhelming and if you are not prepared souls could be lost because of the lack of preparation. Having one person given the responsibility of giving the children to other workers is important but most importantly is getting the children into the personal hands of the soul winners as quickly as possible and with as little confusion as possible.
3. Separate by gender (Worker & Children) if at all possible.
4. One worker to one child is ideal but hardly ever the case.
5. One worker to three children should be the maximum.

6. Do not deal with them in the auditorium or place of meeting. Have rooms available where the soul winner can talk in normal speaking voice with as little distraction as possible.

RESPOND WITH _____ AND _____

“But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” Heb. 5:14

“Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:” 1 Peter 3:8

1. Introduce yourself and find out who they are. My name is, what is your name?
2. Gain their attention as quickly as possible by getting on their level on the floor or in a chair and with direct eye contact.
3. Speaking softly but directly will get the attention of a child but at the same time not frighten them. Be courteous to them, speak to them as a saint to a sinner who was once also lost in sin. Often we look down on children as adults but we must remember that we are dealing with a soul.
4. Smile while speaking. Remember you are an ambassador of Christ. Display His love, patience and compassion.

EXAMINE THE CHILD

“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” 1 Cor. 2:11

1. Where is their attention? Are they listening to you? If others are present, are they playing or jesting with them? The posture of the child helps you indirectly determine if they are convicted of the Spirit of God. I use the term indirectly because often a nervous child will smile and seem like they are not serious, when in reality they just don't know how to respond to the circumstance they have been put into or to the conviction of the Spirit of God.
2. Ask the child: *“Why did you come forward?”* Do not ask *them “Do you want to be saved?”* They will most always answer yes. If they respond with an answer that persuades you that they want to be born again then proceed. (If they are not of understanding or not serious, do not be dismissive but explain that they do not

understand and to please continue to come back and listen to the preaching and teaching of God's Word.)

3. Ask the child: "Are you a sinner?" If they say "NO" then ask them if they have ever done anything wrong? Many times a child does not know what sin is. If yes, "Have you ever been saved before?" Many times children do not understand eternal security. Take the time to explain the son-ship of the saved. REMEMBER JUST BECAUSE A PERSON KNOWS THEY ARE NOT SAVED DOES NOT MEAN THEY ARE READY TO BE SAVED.
4. If you are satisfied that the child is unsaved, convicted, understands and wants to be saved, it is time to move to the next step.

EXPRESS THE GOSPEL

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12

1. Have your Bible and open it so they can see that it is God speaking and not just your opinion and belief. Take the time to discuss with them the difference between a book and the Word of God. Ask them if they believe that the Bible is God's Word.
2. It is best to deal with one child at a time. If you must deal with children collectively go through the gospel path or Romans road and scriptures as a group. Remember, a short, simple and clear definition of the gospel, (death, burial and resurrection) is what is necessary. (It is very important for you to watch the posture and demeanor of the child. Do you have their attention, are they looking around, are they interrupting or asking questions that do not pertain to them getting saved. These are warning signs that the child is not ready to be born again.)
3. Once the explanation of the gospel has been given and a personal testimony and/or object lessons have been used to further explain the gospel and its relationship to the child's eternal life, then ask if there is any questions.
4. After you are satisfied that they understand the gospel then you must make it personal. Ask them:
 - a. Do you believe the book that I hold is the Bible, the very WORD of GOD? If yes, proceed.
 - b. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? If yes, proceed.
 - c. Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead? If yes, proceed.
 - d. Why did He die? If he answer is: "For me, or to wash my sins away" then proceed to show scriptures in leading the child to Christ. **If they say no to**

any of the above questions then you can go no further until they understand from scriptures and agree concerning the Bible, the Lordship of Christ and the Gospel.

Need for Personal _____, _____ AND

“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” John 10:28

1. LEADING STATEMENT: I want to show you from God's Word how you can be saved. (Put the Bible where they can read it and you read it to them. Let them follow your finger as you go from word to word.)
 - a. SCRIPTURE AND STATEMENT: Romans 3:10 – God says that no one is good.
 - b. SCRIPTURE AND STATEMENT: Romans 3:23 – Everyone is a sinner.
 - c. SCRIPTURE AND STATEMENT: Romans 5:12 – Sin entered into the world because of Adam and then death because of sin. (Then you go back to Adam and Eve and the sin of disobedience and then death.)
 - d. SCRIPTURE AND STATEMENT: Romans 6:23 – The payment of our sin is death and separation from God. (Because we sin we are going to die, but the verse does not end there. God's gift to you is eternal life.)
 - e. SCRIPTURE AND STATEMENT: Romans 10:9 – You have to confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe that Jesus rose from the dead.
 - f. SCRIPTURE AND STATEMENT: Romans 10:13 – For you to be saved, you must call on the Lord. You have to ask Him to wash your sins away and save you. You must tell God you are sorry you are a sinner. (I can't get saved for you or I would, but you must pray.)
 - g. QUESTION: Do you trust God and do you believe that God always tells the truth?
 - h. QUESTION: Are you willing to pray?
2. Always allow the child or children to pray one on one with the soul winner. Send the others to another room or another part of the room you are in. When you are dealing with one child in a room, remember to leave the door open.
3. Always require the child to pray in his/her own words. You may instruct them in what should be said but they must ask on their own to the Lord in prayer. **DO NOT LET THEM REPEAT A PRAYER. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE CHILD TO PRAY FROM THEIR HEART. MOST ARE OF THE OPINION THAT A CHILD CANNOT PRAY ON THEIR OWN, IF THEY CAN'T PRAY, THEY ARE NOT OLD ENOUGH TO GET SAVED.**
4. **Once they have prayed then ask them these questions:**
 - a. QUESTION: Did you trust Christ to save you? If you died right now, where would you go, heaven or hell?

- b. If yes, and heaven, take them to John 10: 28,29 (Use an object lesson like a ring or pen cap and place the object in your hand closing it to show how they are now in the hand of God and cannot get out. Satan cannot take them out of God's hand and take them to hell.)
 - c. QUESTION: Are you sure you are saved? If yes, then how do you know you are saved? Because I asked God to save me and wash my sins away. Who says that you are saved? God or God's Word says so. (Keep your Bible open to Romans 10:13)
 - d. STATEMENT: This is God's promise to you that if you call on His name and ask Him to save you, He will give you eternal life and write your name in the Lamb's book of life.
 - e. QUESTION: Does God lie? No, He cannot lie. Jesus died once and we only need to call on His name once to be saved.
5. STATEMENT: Now that you are saved, the Bible says you are God's child and He is your heavenly Father. Tell someone that you have been saved.
6. STATEMENT: Just because you are saved does not mean that you will never sin again. When you commit a sin, bow your head right then and ask forgiveness for that sin. This will keep your heart clean.
7. QUESTION; Do you have any questions for me or is there something that you don't understand? If not, then make sure you get all their personal information written as a record of their salvation.

ANSWERKEY: Scrutinize: Authority AND Love: Belief, Acceptance AND Confirmation