

How to Organize for Growth After Salvation

A CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM (Review Sheet)

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Most children's ministries realize the importance of spiritual growth after salvation. Everyone would agree that eternal security, baptism, daily Bible reading, prayer, church attendance, giving, witnessing and review are all necessary for a young convert to be firmly grounded in the faith. However, most churches do not see growth in their young converts. The reason for this is that most ministries pride themselves on being organized in this area but, the vast majority are unorganized and allow children and families to go un-discipled and un-reached for the Gospel's sake. In this class learn how to organize for growth after salvation.

with the New Convert

"It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me." John 6:45

Without intervention by the altar worker or soul winner it is very easy for a young person to fall through the cracks. Because of this the church never has the opportunity to invest in this new convert and the convert never receives the benefit of growing as a Christian. How can we intervene as a concerned believer and give the church a chance to invest in this new convert?

- A digital or physical decision card completely filled out.
- A card or flyer explaining the GROW class and an invitation to the class.
- The new convert added to a prayer list of new converts to be enrolled in the GROW class.
- A visit that week to the new converts home physically inviting the child to the class and a request to the parents that the child might be baptized. (This is a good opportunity to again cover "assurance of salvation" and "baptism".
- A visit the following week from the GROW teacher or his/her helper.
- A visit from the pastor after the four-week class has been completed.

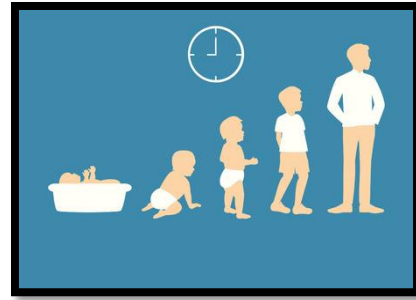


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LEADERSHIP - The GROW class is a weekly Sunday School class dedicated to beginning the investment process into a child who has accepted Christ as Savior. The class would involve a dedicated couple or teacher and helper who loves the Lord and children. This couple/team is skillful in visuals and object lessons and organized in record keeping.

PROGRAM

This four-week program is designed as the minimal investment in children who have accepted Christ as Savior. This program gives the local church the chance to give a young new convert the opportunity to learn basic doctrine, become obedient in being baptized, get to know other saints and learn the love of Christ through the concern of the local church.



G – Grounded & Getting Started Right (Assurance & Baptism)

R – Relationship with God (Bible Reading & Prayer)

O – Obedience leads to growth (Church Attendance and Giving)

W – Witnessing (Loving others to Christ)

by the church into the New Convert

BY: **Altar Worker** – The soul winner or altar worker not only gets the privilege of leading the child to the Lord but has the responsibility to be one of the primary contacts for the new convert.

- After he/she accepts Christ the altar worker can give a GROW flyer to the new convert and invite them to the GROW class.
- If time permits the altar worker can introduce the new convert to the GROW teacher or helper.
- The altar worker should be the first person to visit the home of the new convert. This gives them the chance to present the need for baptism and to get written permission from the parents. It is also a great opportunity to witness to the parents and invite them to the baptismal service.

Teacher – The GROW teacher should be the next representative of Christ and the local church.

- The teacher and/or helper should be the second person to visit the new convert. The purpose is to encourage baptism if they are not already baptized. It is also their purpose to encourage them and thank them for attending their class.
- It is the job of the teacher to invest in the new convert weekly to make available foundational doctrine and to answer questions.
- It is the job of the teacher to watch the new converts progress in attendance, attentiveness and spiritual growth.

Pastor – The pastor should be on the list of people that the new convert is exposed to in the first month of lessons.

- After the new convert finishes the four weeks of classes it is a great opportunity for the pastor to congratulate the new convert on the

completion of the classes and to ask if they have any questions concerning the church or the Word of God.

- The pastor has a great opportunity to honor the new convert before the congregation. A Bible, pack of tracts and personal gift from the pastor is always appropriate and is but a sample of what can be given.

CONCLUSION:

It is the responsibility of the local church to at least make a minimal investment in young people that make a profession of faith. This program is designed to display the love of Christ by example, present doctrine to the new convert and acquaint the new Christian to the church body.

ANSWER KEY: INTERVENTION – INTERACTION – PREPARED – PROPOSED - INVESTMENT