

How to Use the Child's Salvation Tract

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Jesus wants children to come to Him. When children were brought so He could put His hands on them and pray, the disciples tried to stop them. Jesus responded: "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:13-14.

The salvation tract is a tool to help us bring children to Jesus.

How should this tract be used?

1. As an evangelistic tool to lead a child to Christ.
2. As a follow-up tool and a confirmation for a child who received Christ.
3. As a discipleship tool to train children how to lead others to Christ.
4. As a training guide for children's workers.
5. As a teaching tool for someone with limited vocabulary or reading ability.

GUIDING A CHILD TO SAVING FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

What to say to help a child understand how to accept Jesus as personal Savior:

The inside pages of the Child's Salvation Tract show four steps to lead a child to faith in Jesus. To help remember the steps, ask the child to raise a finger for each step. You may even ask him to write or pretend to write the steps on his fingers. Hand motions are also included to make the teaching come alive.

Here are detailed explanations and scripture verses for each step. It would be good to memorize the scriptures so your presentation of the Gospel will flow naturally and with the authority of God's Word.

1. GOD LOVES YOU.



- a) God is your Creator. He knows everything about you. (Romans 5:8)
- b) You are important to God. He wants good things for you. (John 10:10)
- c) God loves you, because HE is love. Nothing will make God stop loving you, not even the bad things you do or the good things you don't do. (John 3:16; 1 John 4:16; Romans 8:38-39)

2. YOU ARE A SINNER. ALL OF US ARE SINNERS.



- a) All of us are sinners. That's why we disobey and do bad things. It's easier to do wrong than good because we're born with a sin nature. (Romans 3:23)
- b) What is sin? Sin is: 1) doing things God doesn't want you to do, 2) not doing what God wants you to do and 3) doing what you want to do instead of obeying God.
- c) Sin came to the human race when Adam and Eve disobeyed God after being tricked by Satan, God's enemy.
- d) Sin brought pain, suffering, sickness, death and all that is bad and evil into God's perfect world.
- e) Sin separates us from God and from all the good things He wants to give us.
- f) The punishment for sin is death. Jesus Christ, God's Son, took the punishment in our place when He died on the cross and came alive again. (Romans 6:23)

3. JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, DIED FOR YOU. THEN HE CAME ALIVE AGAIN.



- a) God wants you to be part of His family.
- b) Jesus, God's Son, came from heaven to be born as a baby to the virgin Mary.
- c) Jesus was a man and God's Son at the same time. He was a child who went to school, played with his friends and did all the things you do, except He never sinned.
- d) When Jesus grew up, He began His ministry. Satan, God's enemy, did everything he could to make Jesus do wrong things and disobey God. But Jesus never sinned. (1 Peter 2:22)
- e) Jesus was the perfect sacrifice. When He died on the cross, He paid the price for your sins and mine. When we believe, our Heavenly Father forgives us and makes us part of His family. (John 1:12) Jesus is the way to our Heavenly Father. (John 14:6)
- f) By God's power, Jesus Christ came back to life as the all-powerful Conqueror over death and sin. Jesus lives today. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Ask the child to cover the second finger with his/her index and third fingers. God's love (index finger) and Jesus' death and resurrection (third finger) cover our sin (second finger).

4. YOUR PART IS TO BELIEVE IN JESUS AND INVITE HIM INTO YOUR LIFE.



- a) First, tell God that you believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is His Son who died on the cross for your sins and came alive again. (Romans 10:9-10) [Point to your mouth and put your hand on your heart.]
- b) Second, confess that you know you are a sinner who has done wrong things. Ask God to forgive you and to help you learn to obey Him all the time. (1 John 1:9) [Hang your head and talk sadly.]
- c) Third, by faith, invite Jesus Christ to come into your life to be your Savior, your King, the One in charge of your life, and your very best Friend. Receive God's great gift of salvation by His grace. (Ephesians 2:8) [Raise your hands and invite Him into your life.]

10 GUIDELINES FOR LEADING A CHILD TO FAITH IN CHRIST

1. Encourage the child to talk to God using her own words. If the child cannot find the words, help her say the simple prayer on the back of the tract, repeating phrase by phrase. Remind the child to think carefully about the words she is repeating and to say them as if they were her own. After repeating the prayer, let the child tell you in her own words what has happened. Finish your prayer with thanks to God for His great gifts of forgiveness and salvation.
2. Use John 1:12 (paraphrased) to help the child understand that when we believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son, our Savior, God gives us the power to become His sons and daughters. Perhaps the child can read the verse in his Bible. If he doesn't have a Bible, it's important to give him a New Testament or a Bible portion.
3. Explain that inviting Christ to be King and Savior does not mean he will be perfect from that moment on. When he disobeys or does something he knows is wrong, he needs to tell God exactly what he has done as soon as possible. God promises that when we agree with Him that we have done something wrong and tell Him about it, He will forgive us and clean us from all sin. (1 John 1:9)
4. Teach the child that God is more powerful than the devil. The devil is a liar who will try to tell her that nothing has happened after Jesus became her Savior. In fact, the devil will try to make the child feel that she hasn't been

forgiven and therefore should feel guilty. The Bible says that when God forgives our sins, He throws them into the deepest part of the sea (Micah 7:19) and doesn't remember them any more (Hebrews 10:17).

5. Remind the child that the Bible says that God keeps a record of all the things we have ever done or thought. To illustrate this, imagine that God uses a video camera to record everything each person does, says and thinks. When you ask God for forgiveness, Jesus covers all the bad things with the eraser of His blood from the cross. So, when the video is played back, God can only see the good things recorded.
6. Help the child to decide to know Jesus better every day. God is the One who will give him power to become like Jesus. To be like Jesus means to have His character of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

To know Jesus better, every day he should:

- Talk with God and listen for His voice.
- Worship and praise God. Tell Him *thank you*.
- Read, study and memorize the Bible. Begin with the New Testament.
- Go to church to learn more about God.
- Talk with others about Jesus and help them come to know Him.
- Practice obedience by saying *yes* to God and *no* to sin.

7. Offer to have a class or Bible study with the child for follow-up so she can learn to walk with Jesus and grow in knowledge of Him and the Bible.
8. Pray for the child's special needs, asking God to help the child know Him and learn more about Him every day of her life.
9. Instruct the child to tell at least one other person that he believes in Jesus as his Savior and wants to serve Him all of his life. (Romans 10:9-10)
10. Teach the child that she was created to worship God. Teach her how to praise God, to sing and to tell God how awesome He is.

Please photocopy to teach others how to use this tract.