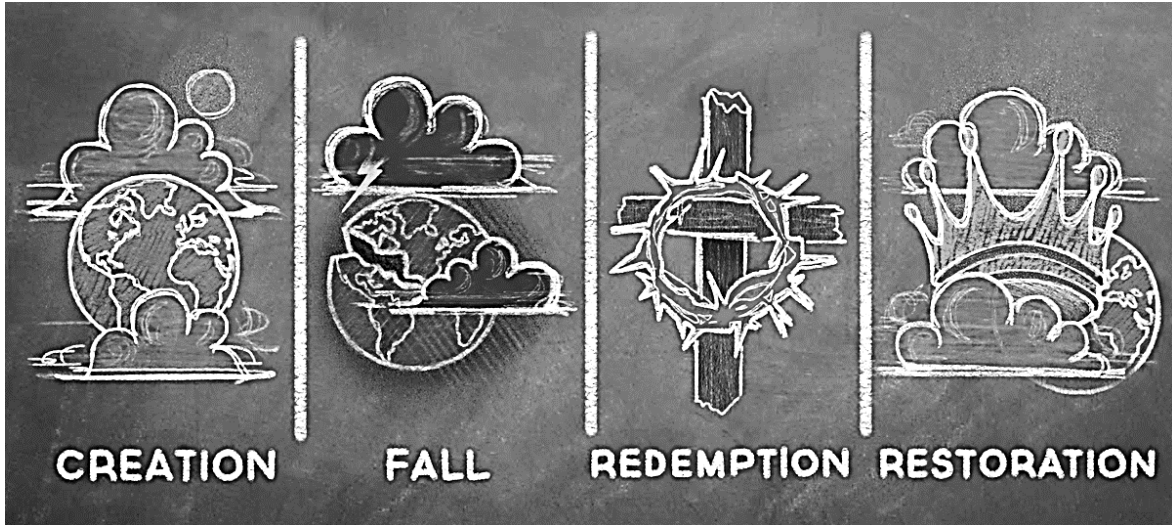


Leading a Child to Christ

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL STORY OF LOVE



As a Sunday School teacher, the most important thing that you can do –which is the greatest joy of all – is to bring a child to Christ. What does that mean? How do I do it? It’s about sharing the Good News. It’s about sharing a story, a truth – The Truth.

KEY TRUTHS TO EXPLAIN

TRUTH	SCRIPTURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is, was, and always will be. He is holy. He is loving. He is just. 	John 1:1, Isaiah 43:15, 1 John 4:8, Job 34:12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created the world 	Genesis 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God always wanted to be with us – human beings 	Ephesians 1:4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are His creation – made in His image 	Genesis 9:6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are fallen because of the original sin 	Romans 3:23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sin created a division between you and a holy God 	Isaiah 59:2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The only payment for sin – is death 	Romans 6:23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ paid for our sin 	1 Peter 2:24, Ephesians 1:7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through faith you are redeemed 	Ephesians 2:8-9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You become His child 	Ephesians 1:5

How do you present these ‘dry truths?’

The Gospel is simple – so keep it that way. Bring the truths listed above as a story – a story of love, a story of adoption. A story of a God who is a Father – whose heart is torn to see us perish. Jesus gave us a good example of the Father’s love in the parable of “The Prodigal Son.” You can do the same in your classroom.



The Salvation Story consists of the following key Biblical stories:

1. Creation and a paradise
2. Fall and a sinful world
3. The promise of a Savior
4. Christ’s birth and identity as Son of God
5. Christ’s death
6. Christ’s resurrection
7. Christ’s return in the last days
8. The judgment and eternity

You can find many resources on the web or in a Christian Bookstore that will help you relate the entire story to your class. Two very strong resources to use to make the story come to life are Abeka Salvation Series and Colors of Salvation or Wordless Book. The Abeka Salvation Series, can be found on abeka.com; and The Colors of Salvation which can be found on a variety of websites – Teen Missions is one of the best.

The story is clear. Now what about the action?

As you tell the story of salvation, connect it to the child’s life. They are created in God’s image. They are sinful. Christ died for them. They can become a child of God. Once the children understand the truths, they need to make a decision. Explain to children that the only way to be saved, to be eternally with God, is to admit, believe, confess and repent.

- **Admit** - I am sinful. I cannot earn salvation. I need Christ.
- **Believe**- Jesus is God. He is a Savior who can in bodily form, died on the cross, paid for all sin, was resurrected, will come again.
- **Confess and repent** –I repent of my sin, I ask Jesus to wash me in His blood. I accept Him as my Lord and Savior.

*Another great resource in making an altar call is,
"The Romans Road"*

Take the Roman's Road!

ROMAN'S ROAD

Romans 3:10 - *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*

Romans 3:23 - *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

Romans 5:8 - *...God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 6:23 - *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Romans 10:9-10 - *... If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Romans 10:13 - *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

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- Give children time to think about their decision. Be clear that this is a personal choice that is a life-long commitment.
 - Ask the children who want to make this step to signify in some clear, visible way – have them raise their hand, step forward. Don't worry about scaring them off or making it uncomfortable – salvation is not about comfort.
 - Of those who have signified that they want to make a decision, speak to every child individually. Ask the child, if they admit to being sinful. If someone cannot say this, gently ask them to refrain from making the next step.
 - Ask them if they believe, ask them to confess. Talk to them about the sincerity of their decision.
 - Model a prayer for the children. Have them repeat after you as they pray. The children need to speak the words out loud.
 - After the prayer talk to them about what they feel – listen for testimonies of lightness and joy.
 - Talk to them about their new status as the Child of God and the need for growth.

Principles to Follow

Pray. Yes, pray. Bringing a child to Christ is the most important thing you can do. It is a simple story, yet a very difficult task. Remember that there is a war for every soul. You have an enemy to battle so pray that the Holy Spirit speaks through you.

Holy Spirit is the only one who can actually change a heart. Once you do your part, it is up to Him to touch the heart.

Forcing or guiltting a child into 'saying the prayer' accomplishes nothing – so don't be tempted to use psychology to achieve 'results'. Salvation is a gift to be received willingly – if a decision is forced, it has no effect.

Personal decision is the key. As you tell the story – connect everything to the child personally. Create an atmosphere where the child feels that it is between them and God, not a crowd.

Babies are really who these new-born Christians are. Please don't leave them on their own. You now need to care for them. Don't assume they know what they are doing.