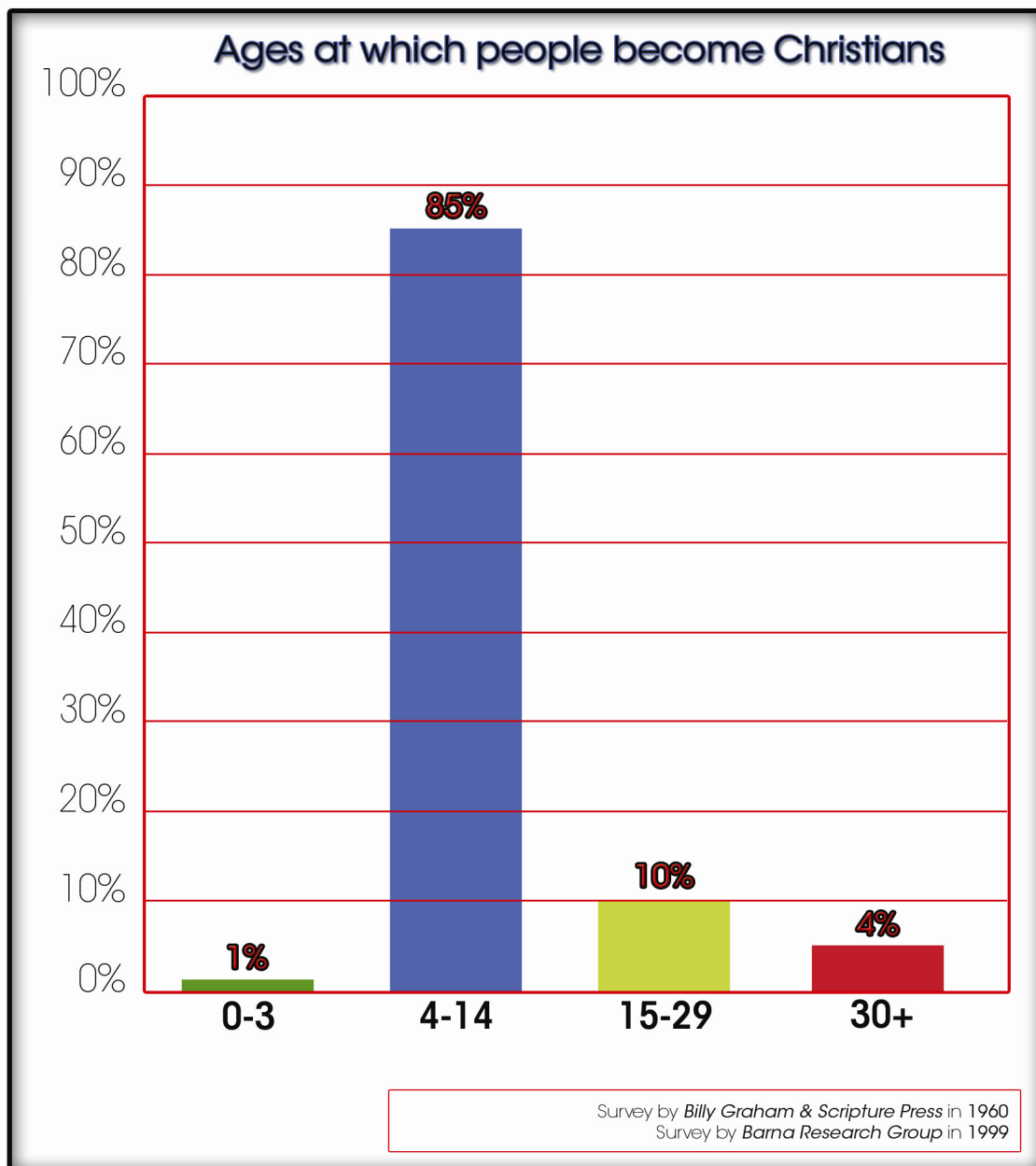


LEADING A CHILD TO CHRIST

85% of all commitments made to Christ occur between the ages of **4-14**



If a person does not accept Christ by the ages of **4-14**, there is only a **15%** chance of doing so during their lifetime.

What does a child need to know to appreciate Christ's death and receive Him as Savior? These basic facts should be emphasized:

- 1. God loves all kids – including me. I don't have to earn His love.**
- 2. I have done wrong, and this wrong (called sin) must be punished.**
- 3. Christ died to pay for my sin.**
- 4. I must accept Jesus as my Savior to receive God's forgiveness.**
- 5. When I do this, I become God's child.**

Things to remember in leading a child to Christ:

- 1. Memorize Scripture.**
- 2. Establish a key in your Bible.**
- 3. Read from the Bible.**
- 4. Sharing your faith.**
- 5. Be clear!**
- 6. Use terms that they will understand.**
- 7. Know what age group you are speaking with.**
- 8. They need to understand:**
 - a.**
 - b.**
 - c.**
 - d.**
 - e.**
- 9. God desires that none would perish!**
- 10. Free Gift.**

11. Vessels of God.
12. Don't scare the child.
13. The decision is between them and God.
14. Don't convince them!

When they receive Christ

15. Pray with them.
16. Review
17. Make sure they understand what just took place.
18. Explain what they need to do next
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

Discipling begins after they receive Christ

Plans for Presenting Salvation

The Roman's Road

1. Romans 3:23 All have sinned.
2. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death.
3. Romans 5:8 But God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
4. Romans 6:23b But the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
5. Romans 6:1-4 Romans 10:9-10,13

Salvation

1. God's part John 3:16
2. Christ's part Romans 5:8
3. Man's part John 6:37

The A-B-C's of Salvation

- A. Acknowledge self as a sinner.
Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6; James 2:10; Romans 3:10-12; John 3:3; Acts 4:12
- B. Believe in Christ
Acts 16:31; Luke 5:32, 13:3; Hebrews 11:6; Romans 2:4, 10:17; John 3:16, 10:21
- C. Confess to Christ as Savior
Romans 10:9-10; Acts 19:18; 1 John 1:9, 4:15

Four Words of Salvation

1. Needed Romans 3:3
2. Provided 1 Peter 2:24
3. Offered Ephesians 2:8
4. Accepted 1 John 5:12

The Four Spiritual Laws (by Campus Crusade)

1. God LOVES you, and offers a wonderful PLAN for your life. John 3:16; John 10:10
2. Man is SINFUL and SEPERATED from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life. Romans 3:23, 6:23
3. Jesus Christ is God's ONLY provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan fro your life. Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6
4. We must individually RECEIVE Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experiece God's love and plan for our lives. John 1:12, 3:1-8

ABC's of Salvation

Acknowledge self as a sinner

- Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
- Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
- James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.
- Romans 3:10-12 As it is written there is none righteous, no not one; there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good no, not one.
- John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him "Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Believe in Christ

- Acts 16:31 And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and Thou shalt be saved, and thy house."
- Luke 5:32 "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."
- Luke 13:3 "I tell you Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."
- Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and the He is the rewarder of them diligently seek Him.
- Romans 2:4 Or despiseth thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?
- Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, "Peace be unto you: as My father hath sent Me, even so send I you."

Confess Christ as Savior

Romans 9:9-10 That 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 of man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Acts 19:18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

How to Become a Christian

God's solution is Jesus Christ

The only way to be free from the sin that separates us from God is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ died on a cross to take the punishment for our sin. Jesus' death made it possible to cross the gap that separates us from God.

God's Word says:

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:16

Jesus does not force Himself on us. We must each choose whether or not we will accept the solution to the sin that separates us from God.

Man's response is to receive Christ

We must personally ask God to forgive us our sins and ask Jesus to come into our lives and take charge.

God's Word says:

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:9-10 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "if anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." Matthew 16:24 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. Romans 6:22

When we invite Jesus to come in and clean up our lives, He makes us members of God's own family and His Spirit lives in us.

God's Word says:

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. John 1:12. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, Romans 8:16

God cares about every person He has made. He has a plan for your life and He has sent you this message. God wants you to know four things:

God's goal for you is abundant life

God loves you and wants to give you an abundant life – a full and satisfying life!

God's Word says:

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Man's problem is sin. God and man are separated by sin.

God gave people free will. That means that each one of us can choose to reject God's law, His love and to disobey Him. This disobedience or breaking of God's law, is called sin. Sin makes it impossible to be close to God. The Bible tells us that every person has been disobedient to God.

God's Word says:

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23
The wages of sin is death (separation from God). Romans 6:23*

So what can you do to get rid of sin and the habit of sinning?

If you want to become a part of God's family, here's how:

Admit that you are a sinner.

Believe that Jesus Christ loves you so much that He died for you so you can be close to God.

Change your mind about sin. Be willing to break your sinful habits and build good habits by obeying God's Word, the Bible. The Bible calls this repentance.

Ask God to live in you through His Spirit, to forgive you for the sinful things you have done and to take charge of your life. When you talk to God and ask Him to do these things for you, you are praying.

When you pray, talk honestly to God. God knows what you are thinking and feeling. He is not concerned about the words you use.

When you ask Jesus to come into your life, He promises to do it!

If you asked Jesus to come into your life, you have just begun a new life.

God's Word says:

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17