

Knowing the Gospel, Articulating the Gospel and Sharing the Gospel

1. Why aren't Christian children sharing the gospel of Jesus with others?
 - a. Children do not know what Bible passages or theological words mean
 - b. Children do not know what the gospel of Jesus is
 - c. No one has specifically trained the children to know the gospel of Jesus from the scriptures
 - d. No one has trained the children how to conversationally share the gospel with others
2. Explain the Bible passages and theological words so the kids know the gospel and can articulate it in their own words
 - a. What does born-again mean?
 - b. Why do we need to be born again?
 - c. What is crucifixion?
 - d. What is sin and why am I a sinner?
 - e. Why did Jesus need to die for my sin?
 - f. What does resurrection mean?
 - g. What does it mean to "believe in" or "trust in" Jesus?
 - h. If Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection are so important why aren't we sharing it?
 - i. Now that I know what Jesus has done, how can I share the gospel with others?
3. Teach children why everyone needs Jesus:
 - a. Jesus loves everyone and wants to save them from sin (John 3:16)
 - b. Sin is anything we say, think, or do that breaks God's law and goes against God's heart
 - c. Everyone is a sinner in need of Jesus' forgiveness (Romans 3:23) (Romans 6:23)
 - d. Jesus' work is the only way to be forgiven from our sins and begin a relationship with God (John 14:6) (Acts 4:12)
4. Show the children where to find what Jesus has done for everyone
 - a. 1st Corinthians 15:3-5
 - b. John 3:16
5. Know the three parts of the gospel:
 - a. 1st Corinthians 15:3-4 clearly states the three parts to the gospel: Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection
 - b. Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins (John 19:18 and 30)
 - c. Jesus was buried in a tomb for 3 days (Acts 2:31-32)
 - d. Jesus came back to life on the 3rd day to show He has power over sin and death (Acts 2:32)
6. Train children to share the work of Jesus from the scriptures and in their own words
 - a. Children need to be able to share Jesus anywhere and everywhere (2 Tim. 4:2)
 - b. I believe the church is not growing like it should because many Christians do not know the gospel nor how to share the gospel conversationally with others (Acts 8:35)
 - c. I believe that children can share the gospel with anyone, anywhere, anytime; if we train them (Matthew 28:19)
7. Five finger gospel
 - a. We all sin and our sin separates us from God (Romans 3:23)
 - b. Jesus loves you and died on a cross for your sins (John 3:16)
 - c. Jesus was dead for three days, then Jesus came back to life (1st Cor. 15:3-4)
 - d. Repent of your sins (1st John 1:9)
 - e. Believe in Jesus and Receive Jesus' gift of Salvation (Acts 16:31)