






Sharing **THE GOSPEL** with kids

The word gospel means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.

When Will We Share the Gospel?

Throughout AWWBS, we consistently and frequently share the Gospel message because we know kids can personally choose to trust Christ as their Savior. This is most effective when kids hear the Gospel repeatedly and have time to process its significance for their lives. While we do tell kids that following Jesus is a choice they will have to make, we wait until kids take the initiative to make this decision to avoid peer-led or people-pleasing responses to the Gospel. On Tuesday night, time is scheduled for each kid (2nd - 5th grade) to express their desired next step. As a spiritual counselor, you'll have the privilege of talking with kids who are ready to choose to follow Jesus, get baptized, or ask questions! Please familiarize yourself with our Gospel presentation to confidently guide children in their next steps

What to Say:

-  **GOD RULES.** The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. (Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17)
-  **WE SINNED.** Since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)
-  **GOD PROVIDED.** God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9)
-  **JESUS GIVES.** Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18)
-  **WE RESPOND.** We can respond to Jesus. The ABCs of Becoming a Christian is a simple tool that helps us remember how to respond when prompted by the Holy Spirit to receive the gift Jesus offers.

Your Role:

Our Children's Ministers want to follow up with every kid about their next steps so you get to capture each of their stories and questions as they share them with you! Please take the time to fill out the response form completely. It is okay for a kid to reach you and still not be ready to follow Jesus. Thank them for their questions and pray for God to continue to make them curious about Him! Kids often need to hear the Gospel message many times before they can understand and respond to it. Praise God that you get to be a seed planter!



Gospel Counseling

Kid's First and Last Name: _____ Crew #: _____

Your First and Last Name: _____

1. Ask: Do you have any questions about what you heard today or something specific you want to talk about?

Allow time for kid to think/ask. Respond to questions as appropriate.

2. Ask: What do you think each of these things you heard today means?

Give each a number: (3- fully grasps; 2-Some understanding/has questions; 1- no understanding)

- God Rules _____

- We Sinned _____

- God Provided _____

- Jesus Gives _____

- We Respond _____

3. Ask: Do you go to church anywhere? If so, where? _____

4. Ask: What is one thing going on in your life right now that we can pray about?

5. Close in prayer. *Walk kid back to Station or Crew.*

6. Are you aware of any decisions this kid made about their faith?

This could be putting their faith in Jesus, desiring to be baptized, or wanting a follow-up conversation.

Please list any/all: _____

7. Did you learn anything about this kid that would help the Children's Minister follow up well with them?

Examples can include hobbies, family dynamics, points of interest or trials the camper is facing.

For Children's Minister - Notes: