

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 VBS, we consistently and frequently present the Gospel because we believe children can personally choose to trust Christ as their Savior. **On Tuesday night, 2nd–5th graders will be given the chance to express any spiritual next steps.** As a spiritual counselor, you'll have the privilege of talking with kids who are ready to follow Jesus, consider baptism, or ask faith-related questions. **Please review our Gospel presentation so you're prepared to guide them with confidence and clarity.**

The Goal: Consistent, Frequent, and Low-Pressure

We aim to share the Gospel in ways that are consistent, frequent, and free of pressure. Kids absolutely can trust Christ as Savior, and many of them do! **Often, the ones who trust Him have heard consistent and frequent explanations of the gospel at home and church.** However, young children are very eager to please adults and are prone to copy the behavior of other children. **The child should take the initiative and we give them the opportunity to talk to a leader or ask questions.**

You Are a Gospel Seed Planter

Overall, you should see your evangelistic role as a gospel seed planter. You are laying a foundation of biblical truth and repeating the gospel message clearly, consistently and frequently, so kids will be prepared to understand and receive the gospel when they are ready. **Children often need to hear the gospel message many times before they can understand and respond to it.**

Your Role:

Please take the time to fill out the response form completely for each child. It is okay for a kid to reach you and still not be ready to follow Jesus. Thank them for their questions and pray with each kid for God to continue to make them curious about Him! The goal of the conversation is discernment and shepherding. Your role is not to convince a kid to make a decision, but to listen carefully, clarify the gospel, answer questions honestly, and help discern whether the kid understands and is personally responding to Jesus. Praise God that you get to be a seed planter!



How to share THE GOSPEL



God Created

You were created on purpose by a powerful and loving God to belong to His family. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. He made the sun, moon, stars, land, oceans, and every living thing, and He created people in His own image. God made us to know Him, love Him, and live in relationship with Him. He is not only our Creator but also the King over everything, and everything He made was very good.



We Sinned

We chose our way, instead of God's way. God gave Adam and Eve everything they needed, but they chose to disobey Him and believed a lie instead of trusting His word. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God, and ever since that first choice, every person has sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Because God is holy, sin separates us from Him and deserves death, and we cannot fix this problem on our own. But the good news is that God made a way to rescue us, even though we did not deserve it.



Jesus Saves

God made a way. When sin entered the world, God promised to send a Savior, and at just the right time He sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus is fully God and fully human, lived a perfect life, taught about God's Kingdom, and even though He had done nothing wrong, He died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. Three days later He rose from the dead, defeating sin and death, and because of Him our sins can be forgiven and we can have eternal life as God's gift.



We Choose

God does not force anyone to follow Him. He invites us, and because of what Jesus has done, each of us must choose how we will respond. To follow Jesus means we believe He is Lord and Savior, admit that we have sinned, and turn from our sin to trust Him alone for forgiveness. When we do, God forgives us, welcomes us into His family, gives us the Holy Spirit to help us grow, and begins a new life of trusting, obeying, and telling others about Him.