

BRINGING A CHILD TO CHRIST

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*“Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament;
and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.”
Daniel 12:3*

I. Why do we want to bring a child to Jesus?

- That he may gain eternal life...his own personal salvation.
- To know Jesus intimately and to make Him known to others.
- That he might know the purpose of his life and the plan God has for him. (Jer. 29:11)
- To enable him to walk with God amidst a wicked and perverse generation.

II. Are there “Methods” or “Tools” for us as teachers that could help bring a child to Christ?

A. PRAYER is Number 1

1. First: A look at my own heart...Why am I teaching children?
2. Secondly: Prayer for the children – by name. In order to pray effectively, we need to know each child. How?
 - “All About Me” book
 - “Where are they Spiritually?”
 - Talk with them one-on-one.

B. Prayer in the classroom (methods we can use)

1. Define prayer for them – ask them first, “Do you understand what prayer is?”
2. Using “The Sinner’s Prayer” – yes or no?
3. Another Approach
 - a. While heads are down, eyes closed – asking questions while explaining the Gospel ...
4. The Challenge Prayer
 - “If I should ever stray...”
5. Taking Prayer Requests

C. Some Child Participation Tools that can Help

1. Gospel Song Cards – age appropriate
 - Bean Bag Song
 - S-A-L-V-A-T-I-O-N, etc.
2. Visual Aids
 - Wordless Book
3. STORYTELLING – S.T.S. (Simply The Story)

III. Questions to Answer

- A. A child asks: “How can I know that I’m saved?”
 1. Can we, as a teacher, affirm his salvation? Or is it only a work of the Holy Spirit?
- B. A child may say “But I’m not a sinner.” How do you answer that?
- C. How do we help a child understand the difference between “THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST” vs. “PERFORMANCE”?
- D. Who am I? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going? What is the purpose of life?
 1. Give the child answers when I ask these?
- E. How can a child remain close to the Lord?
- F. If a child makes a commitment to Christ in our classroom – are we to let the parent/s know? How?

“In a sense, a teacher has immortality – because he perhaps will never know the influence he had upon other lives.”