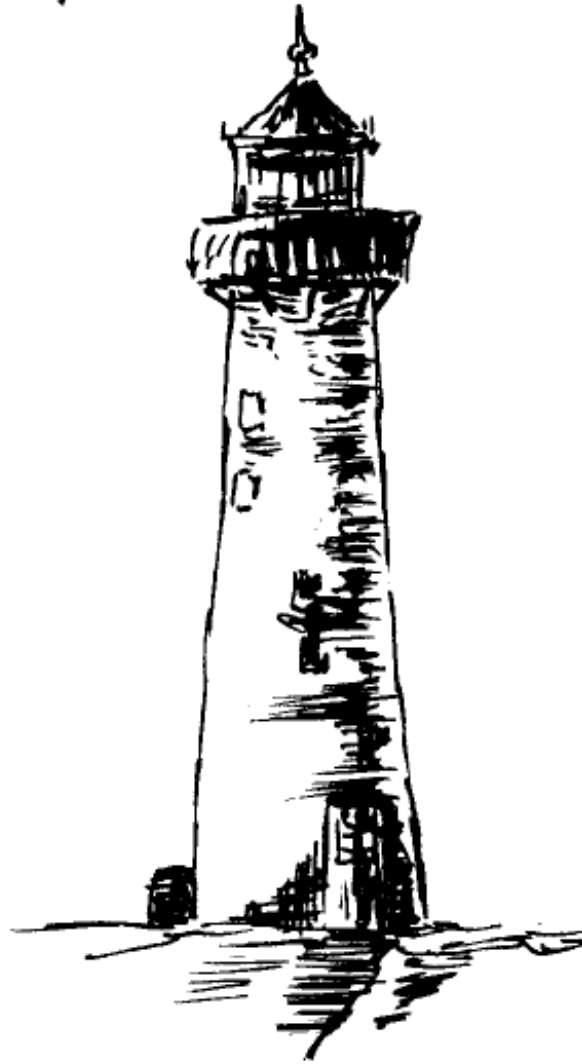
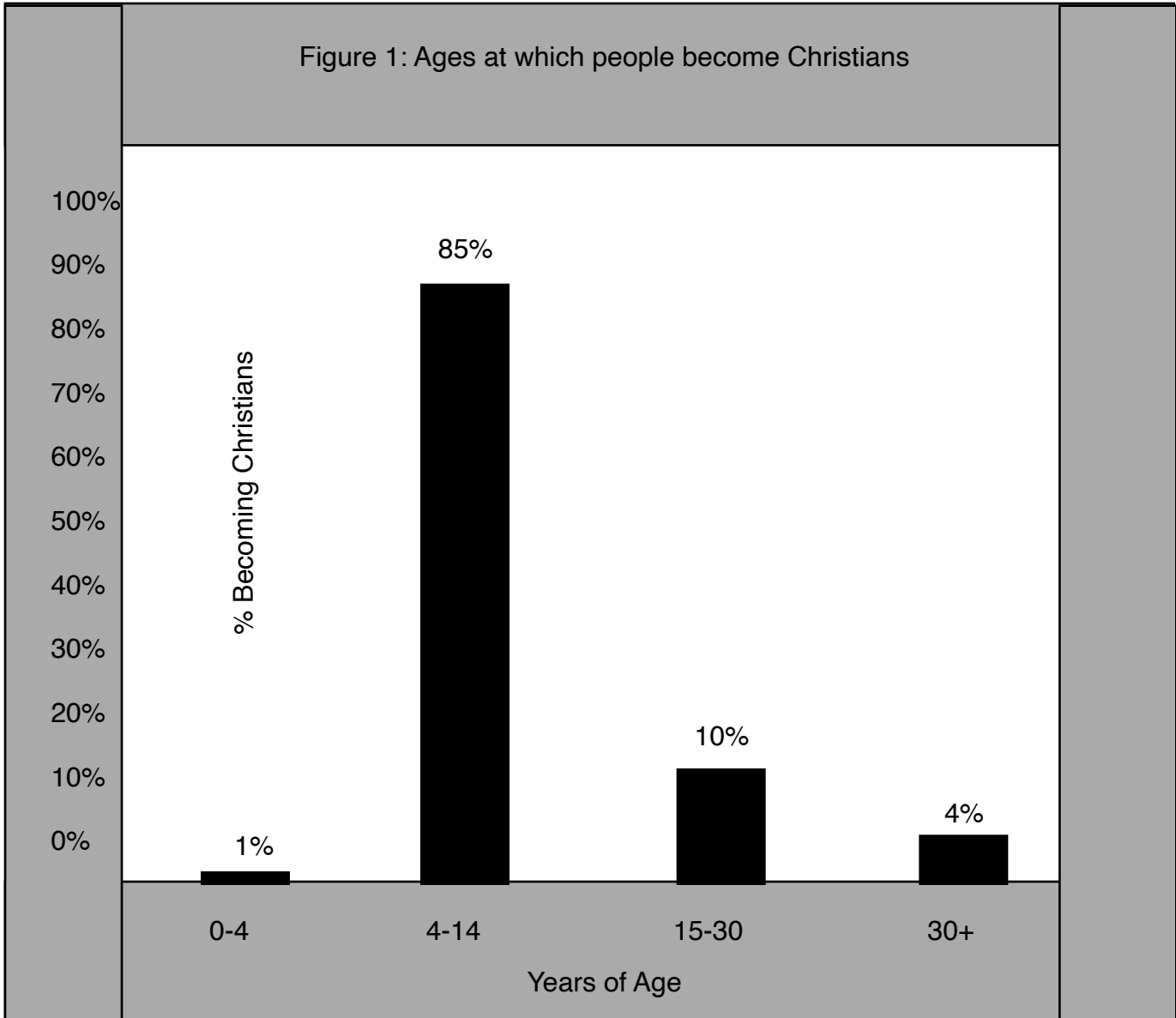


Leading a Child to Christ



*Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me;
Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle. Psalms 43:3*

Between the ages of 4-14, 85% of the commitments made to Christ will be made.



85% of the children who do not receive the Lord before 14 never will accept Christ as Savior.

LEADING A CHILD TO CHRIST

1. Avoid symbolism. Use concrete ideas with children.

2. Choose terminology carefully. Use the same terms consistently.

Know their age group and choose their words. eg. *“Born Again?”* How do I do that teacher? / *Ask Him into my heart?* Is this gonna hurt? / *Saved?* Is that like a fireman saves me?”

3. Ask questions that encourage them to talk about feelings as well as understanding.

4. Talk individually with the child.

5. Consider the child’s personal choice. Avoid pressuring the child into making a choice.

It is important that this decision is between them and God. Not between the teacher and the student. ***DON’T CONVINCEN! THAT’S OUT OF BOUNDS!*** These children love you and will do anything that you ask of them. -Anything to please their teacher.

Story of Clowns as Counselors & Receiving Crackers in Nursery. Wrong reasons.

****NOTE: Once shared and received - Go back over and pray with them.***

6. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and to the child.

7. It’s the Holy Spirit that leads a child to Christ. Ask Him to use you and to help you to be sensitive to where the child is spiritually.

8. If a child wants to be a part of God’s family and has a repentant heart, give him/her an opportunity to talk to God him/herself. Let the child tell God how he feels in his own words.

What a child needs 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.

John 3:16; 1 Jn 4:8; Jn 15:13; Eph 2:8-9

2. I have done wrong, and this wrong (called sin) must be punished.

Rom 3:23; Is 53:6; Rom 6:23a

3. Christ died to pay for my sin. (This is not too basic for new believers.)

Rom 5:8; Matt 26:28; Heb 9:22, 10:10; 1 John 2:2

4. I must accept Jesus as my Savior to receive God’s forgiveness.

John 1:12; Rom 6:23b

5. When I do this I become God’s child.

John 1:12; Rom 10:9, 13

And Finally...

Sharing the gospel takes practice... If you are hesitant and do not attempt to share the gospel here in class, then chances are you will not attempt to share this good news anywhere.

"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels. (Luke 9:26).

PLANS FOR PRESENTING SALVATION

THE ROMAN 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 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

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, 20:21

C. Confess to Christ as Savior.

Romans 10:9-10; Acts 19:18; 1John1:9, 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

1. God LOVES you, and offers a wonderful PLAN for your life. -John 3:16; John 10:10
2. Man is SINFUL and SEPARATED 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 for your life. -Romans 5:8; 1 corinthians 15:3-6; John 14:6.
4. We must individually RECEIVE Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives. -John 1:12, 3:1-8.

Now What?

Gulp! they said yes... They want to receive Christ

Now what do I do? The S-S-sinners P-P-prayer?

Remember the Sinners Prayer doesn't save anyone! Christ does! Rom 11:6; Eph 2:8-9.

Pray 'em back thru Romans Road or Abc's etc. (Wherever you found them)

"I have sinned, I understand that sin causes separation from God. I know You died for ALL the sin of the world. Jesus I receive You now so that my sins are paid for, I want to be Your child forever.

Discipling comes next, that's the long part. Teach them to grow! Daily devotions in God's Word. Sharing their new faith, etc.