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## Introduction:

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## Things to remember in leading a child to Christ:

1. Memorizing scripture.
2. Establish a key in your Bible.
3. Read from the Bible.
4. Sharing your faith.
5. Be clear!
6. Use terms that they will understand.
7. Know what age group you are speaking with.
8. They need to understand:
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.

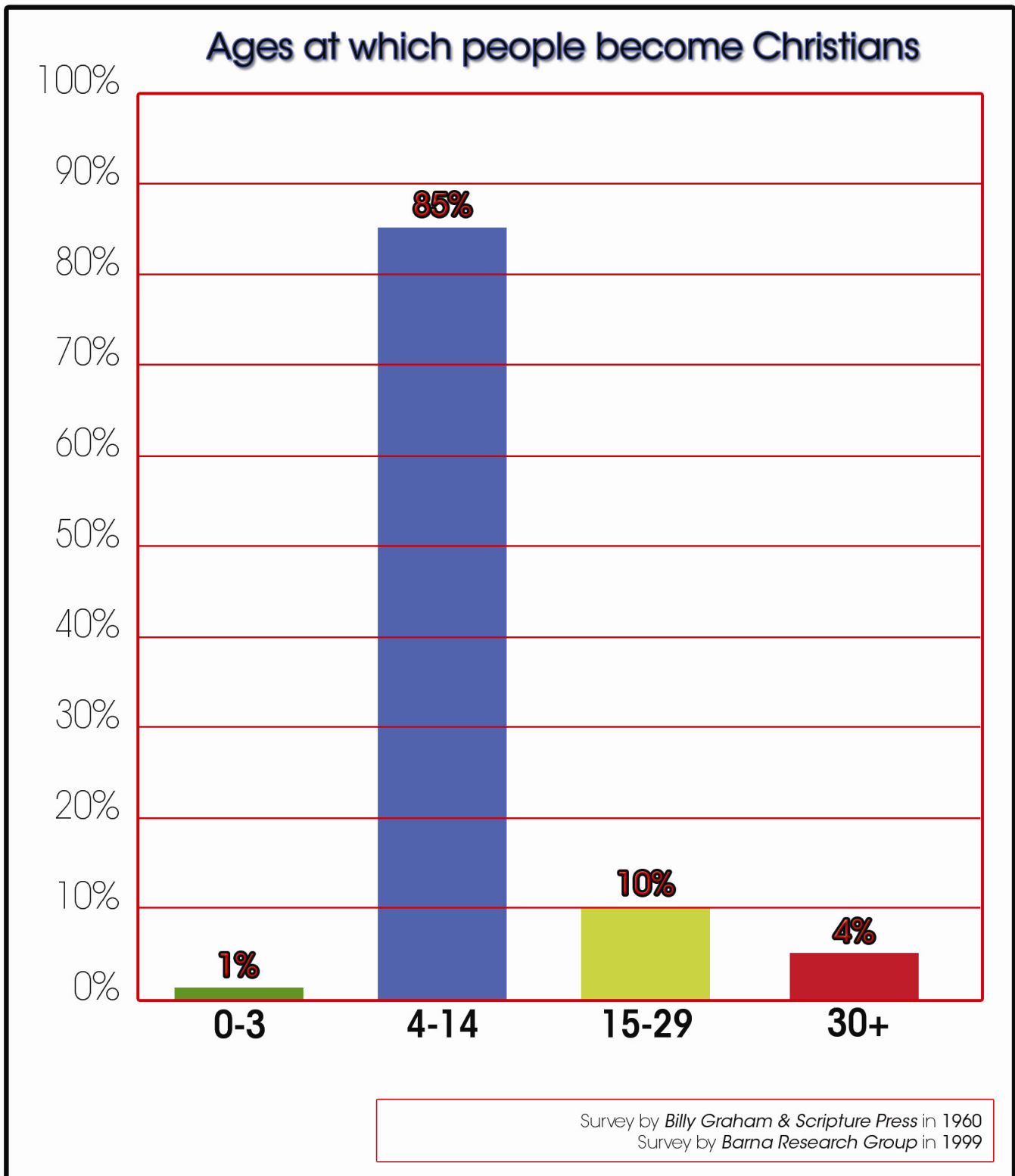
9. God desires that none would perish!
10. Free gift.
11. Vessels of God.
12. Don't scare the child.
13. The decision is between them and God.
14. Don't convince them!

When they receive Christ:

15. Pray with them.
16. Review.
17. Make sure they understand what just took place.
18. Explain what they need to do next.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.

Discipling begins after they receive Christ.

**85%** of all commitments made to Christ occur between the ages of **4-14**



If a person does not accept Christ between the ages of **4-14**, there is only a **15%** chance of doing so during their lifetime.

# HOW TO LEAD A CHILD TO CHRIST

## Message of Salvation:

The message is permanent. There is nothing we can add to it, or take from it, without perverting it. It must never change.

The method that is used to deliver the message can vary. Different object lessons can be used to tell the Gospel, or the words can be delivered alone. We are going to learn a method using a tool called the “Wordless Book.”

Children are fascinated by the way you can tell them a story using only colors. Once you have captured their interest with the uniqueness of the book, you can use the colors to illustrate the truths of the message of Salvation.

You will find the “Wordless Book” to be an exciting method that will take the message straight to the hearts of children!

*Start by saying: “Hello, I would like to tell you a wonderful story from this book. It’s my favorite story in the whole world! One thing that makes it so special is that it’s a true story – right from God’s Word, the Bible.*

*Do you see what’s different about this book?*

*Instead of using words to tell the story, it uses colors. That’s why it’s called the ‘Wordless Book.’*

*Let’s get started right away by turning to the gold page!”*

## THE GOLD (YELLOW) PAGE

The key thought on this page is to teach the child who God is, God’s love for the child, and that God lives in heaven. We will teach the following key truths:

GOD IS CREATOR: He made Heaven, earth, and everything in them.

GOD LOVES US: He not only made you, but He loves you. John 3:16 tells us, “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”(Show verse)  
God loves you and me!

GOD IS HOLY: This means that He is perfect. God always does what is right and never does what is wrong.

GOD LIVES IN HEAVEN: God lives in a perfect place. Heaven is not like here. No one ever gets hurt, and no one ever cries or is sad. God cannot allow anything in heaven that is less than perfect, so there’s one thing that can never be in heaven. Do you know what that is?

*Link Sentence:*

“There is one thing that can never enter Heaven, because it would spoil it. That is sin.”

# THE CHARCOAL (DARK) PAGE

The key thought on this page is to teach the child that sin separates us from God.

We will teach the following key truths:

DEFINITION OF SIN: Sin is anything we say, think, or do that does not please God.  
Sin is breaking God's rules.

EXAMPLES OF SIN: Some things that God calls sin are stealing, lying, and cheating.  
There are many others. Can you think of some?

ALL HAVE SINNED: The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23 that everyone has sinned. (Show verse)  
That does not just mean bad people like robbers and murderers.  
That includes you and me. Even good people sin.

SINFUL NATURE: No one had to teach you how to do wrong things. Each one of us was  
born with a nature that wants to sin.

PUNISHMENT FOR SIN: When you do something that is against the rules, or against the law, you  
deserve to be punished, don't you? God tells us in His Word that sin has  
to be punished. God's punishment for sin is to be separated from Him  
forever and ever. That is a terrible punishment, but a fair one.

*Link Sentence:*

"God has made a way so that you don't have to be punished for your sin."

# THE RED PAGE

The key thought on this page is to teach the child about the solution for sin  
and the way to be forgiven. We will teach the following key truths:

GOD'S SON WAS BORN: We celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. He is God the Son.  
Like God the Father, Jesus is perfect.

TOOK THE PUNISHMENT YOU AND I DESERVE: Because Jesus had never done anything wrong, He did not  
deserve to be punished. Because He loves you so much, He took  
the punishment you deserve.

GAVE HIS BLOOD: Jesus suffered when He died for you and me. He was wounded by  
evil men, and he bled. The Bible tells us that without the giving of  
blood, sin can't be forgiven. Jesus gave His blood for you and me.

DIED AND CAME BACK TO LIFE: Jesus died on the cross, but he didn't stay dead.  
After three days He came back to life.

LIVES IN HEAVEN WITH GOD, HIS FATHER: After Jesus came back to life, He went up to Heaven.  
He lives there with God, His Father.

(Verse) 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4 tells us that Jesus died and rose again. (Look up & read verse)

“...Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures.”

*Link Sentence:*

“Because of what Jesus, God the Son has done, you and I can have our sins forgiven!”

## THE WHITE PAGE

The key element on the white page is to teach the child about receiving what God has done for him. We will teach the following key truths:

(Verse) The Bible says in JOHN 1:12... (Look up & read verse)

HOW TO RECEIVE GOD’S GIFT OF SALVATION: You can become God’s child by admitting that you have sinned and broken God’s rules, believing that Jesus died to take your punishment, and praying to God, asking Him to forgive you and to make you His child.

*QUESTION: Would you like to receive the Lord Jesus right now?*

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS: Ask the child questions that will help you to know if he truly understands his need and God’s way of salvation. (i.e. “*What is sin? Why did Jesus have to die on the cross? What happened after Jesus was dead for three days?*”)

COME TO A CONCLUSION: Ask the child what he/she would like the Lord Jesus to do for him/her right now?” (Pray with the child, using Admitting, Believing, and Calling.) “Dear Lord,”

- 1) *Admit to God you are a sinner and want to turn away from those sins.*
- 2) *Believe in Jesus Christ, that He is God’s perfect Son who died for your sin, was buried, and rose again.*
- 3) *Call on Him to save you from your sin.*

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION: Show the child whose child he is if he has asked Christ to forgive him (John 1:12). Show God’s promise to stay with the child (Heb. 13:5b). Use five fingers to show the words “I will never leave you.” This helps to apply God’s words to the child’s life.

*Link Sentence:*

“Once you have become God’s child, He wants you to get to know Him better.”

# THE GREEN PAGE

The key thought on the GREEN page is to teach the child about growing closer to God.

We will teach the following key truths:

**CONFESSION OF SIN:** Teach the child that the Lord Jesus lives in us and gives us the power to say “no” to sin. However, when we choose to do things our own way, 1 John 1:9 tells us what to do. Teach the child the importance of confessing sin to God, and how to do it. *(1 John 1:9 - “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”)*

**GROWING IN CHRIST:** Teach the four important ways for the child to grow in knowing God better:

- (1) Pray every day – talk to God.
- (2) Read a few verses from the Bible every day and respond to God.
- (3) Tell others about Jesus.
- (4) Go to church to learn more about God.

**FINISH UP WITH:** Ask the child to thank God for His gift of salvation.  
Pray for the child before you finish.

Leading a child to Christ is a tremendous privilege. By doing so, you are having a part in fulfilling Christ’s command, given in the Great Commission. You have also begun to establish a special relationship with the child. Are you willing to do what you can to help the child grow in Christ and begin to have a closer walk with Him?

## The Invitation Prayer

### PRAYER EXAMPLE #1:

Dear God,

I know I am a sinner. I made wrong choices and did bad things. I am sorry. Please forgive me. I know Your son, Jesus, died for my sins and I believe You raised him from the dead. I want Jesus to be my Lord. Thank You for loving me and making me Your child. Now, please fill me with Your Holy Spirit, so I will have all the strength I need to obey You. Amen.

### PRAYER EXAMPLE #2:

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank You for loving me. I believe You died for me on the cross. I am sorry for my sins. I ask You to give me a new life and make me a part of God’s family. Please help me to love and obey You.

In Jesus’ name. Amen.

### **Important:**

Ask the question to the children, “Who has already given their life to the Lord?” Then have them raise their hands to show who has. Then say, “I am not talking to you right now, so go ahead and put your hands down.” This will help in knowing those who are making a first time commitment to the lord.



# 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

## Salvation

1. God's part: JOHN 3:16
2. Christ's part: ROMANS 5:8
3. Man's part: JOHN 6:37

## 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 (by Campus Crusade for Christ)

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
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