

## HOW TO LEAD YOUR CHILD TO CHRIST FOR SALVATION

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ your child, Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for his / her sins & \_\_\_\_\_ your child to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. {1 Tim. 2:3-6; 2 Pet. 3:9; John 3:16; 1 Cor. 15:3-4}
2. God is providing Christian parents normally the \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity to lead their child{ren} to Christ. {Eph. 6:4; 1 Cor. 7:14}
3. God has no grandchildren, only \_\_\_\_\_ who must personally trust in Jesus Christ. {John 1:12-13}
4. You must remember that children are \_\_\_\_\_ born saved but lost {Ps. 51:5; Eph. 2:1-3} yet they are born with \_\_\_\_\_ {Deut. 1:39; Jer. 19:4-7; Jonah 4:11} and are \_\_\_\_\_ accountable before God for their salvation until they are mature enough to reach an age of \_\_\_\_\_ to understand & believe the Gospel for themselves. If they die before that time, they enter the presence of God upon death. {Rev. 5:9; 2 Sam. 12:15-25; John 3:18}
5. Children need a biblical \_\_\_\_\_ to understanding the Gospel involving a correct knowledge of the person of God, the Creator – creature distinction, the problem & penalty of sin, the provision of salvation, and the personal need to trust in Christ alone. {compare Acts 17:1-4 vs 17:22-34}
6. You must recognize that children learn reality or truth from observing \_\_\_\_\_ objects to comprehending \_\_\_\_\_ principles or concepts. Thus, they will know the words of the Gospel before they understand the \_\_\_\_\_ behind the words in order to simply believe in Christ alone. This is why you must probe deeper to discern if they understand the concepts related to salvation and are not merely parroting the correct answer. {Matt.18:1-7, 14; Mark 10:13-15}
7. There is a great value in teaching scriptural foundational truths by utilizing a \_\_\_\_\_ explanation of human history starting with Creation, the Fall, the promise of the Redeemer, and systematically teaching to the birth, life, death & resurrection of Jesus Christ. {Luke 24:27} Utilizing excellent tools like ... THE LAMB {by John Cross from Good Seed International}, KING OF GLORY {by Paul Bramsen from Rock Int'l} can be very helpful.
8. There is great value in faithfully attending a grace-oriented, Bible-teaching \_\_\_\_\_ that is clear on the Gospel and the Christian life which can encourage & equip parents spiritually, and that can complement & reinforce biblical truths to your child - whether the church has a Sunday School and Youth Ministry or not. {1 Timothy 3:15}

9. Do \_\_\_\_\_ tell your children to ‘ask Jesus into their heart’ {He comes in when you believe} or lead them in prayer to be saved {as there are no examples of this in the Bible and is confusing}. Instead encourage them when they understand the truths of the Gospel to \_\_\_\_\_ to personally trust in Jesus Christ alone to save them who died for their sins and rose again as faith is a \_\_\_\_\_ to rely on someone or something. {Acts 16:30-31}
10. Make sure to teach them also the \_\_\_\_\_ of the believer so that they can have lasting \_\_\_\_\_ of their eternal salvation {John 5:24; 10:28-30}, along with the difference between entering the \_\_\_\_\_ of God by faith alone {John 1:12; Gal. 3:26} vs. enjoying daily \_\_\_\_\_ with God by walking by faith in the light of God’s Word {1 John 1:7} and confession of sins when needed {1 John 1:9}.
11. There is great value when parents have a \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus Christ and instruct their children \_\_\_\_\_ at home as well as interact with them \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the day from a DVP in bringing God’s perspective as they realize that true Christianity is not a religion but a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that can impact all of life. {Duet. 6:4-9}
12. Sometimes children from Christian homes struggle at times with the \_\_\_\_\_ assurance of salvation due to false teaching, thinking they need to know the exact date they were saved, when they rely on their feelings instead of the promises of God, when they are disobedient, etc. These are excellent times to reinforce the Gospel and stress that it is not the kind or amount of faith but the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith for salvation, eternal security, explaining Christian carnality, etc. {2 Tim. 1:12; 1 Cor. 3:1-4, 11-15; 1 John 2:1-2, 12; 5:9-13}
13. Never underestimate the importance & value of \_\_\_\_\_ regularly for your children, not only for their salvation, but also for their ongoing spiritual growth & service for the Savior. {James 5:16b; Col. 1:9-12; 1 John 5:14-15; Matt, 7:7-11}

For our next study, **HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN SPIRITUALLY GROW IN CHRIST**