

How to Lead a Child to Christ

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Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture references are taken from the New King James Version of the Bible. Additionally, for the sake of clarity, all Scripture quotations and parenthesized Scripture references have been placed in italics.

DEDICATION

This booklet is dedicated to my niece, Charli Jo, and to my nephew, Joel, Jr. My prayer is that both of you will become Christians while you are still children and that you will walk with God all the days of your lives.

I love you two rascals...more than you will ever know!

Uncle Jon (U. J.)

One thing is certain...Jesus loves children. In one of my favorite verses in the Bible, He spoke these tender and familiar words: *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).*

People can be saved at any age, but there is something special about the salvation of a child. When a child becomes a Christian, not only is his *soul* saved, but his *life* is saved as well. A child who has truly been *“born again”* can live for Christ all the days of his life (*John 3:3, 7*).

Many years ago, a pastor traveled to preach a revival in another town. When he returned home, someone asked him if anyone had been saved. The pastor said, “Yes. There were two and a half people saved.” The inquirer thought that was an unusual answer. After processing what the pastor had said, the man replied, “Oh, I know what you mean. There were two adults who were saved and one child.” The pastor responded, “No. Just the opposite. There were two children who were saved and one adult. The adult has half of his life remaining in which he can serve the Lord, but the two children have their whole lives ahead of them.”¹

I read that story years ago and never have forgotten it. That story is not meant to *minimize* the salvation of an adult. Instead, it is intended to *maximize* the salvation of a child. A truly converted child can walk with God throughout his lifetime.

Statistics tell us that the older a person gets, the less likely he is to become a Christian. One study revealed that 34% of people who become Christians do so by the time they reach the age of thirteen.² Additional studies revealed that only 6% of people give their hearts to Jesus after their nineteenth birthday.³

If you think about that from a logical perspective, it makes sense. The older we get, the more we become what we have always been. If a person has rejected Christ for years and years, his heart has hardened (*see Hebrews 3:7-8*). When people are young, their hearts are tender and receptive, but when people get old, their minds are often made up. Their hearts are more calloused. Pharaoh repeatedly hardened his heart, and it cost him his life (*see Exodus 8:15*). Many people make the same mistake. This is why we should do everything we can to help children come to know Christ, and we should do so in such a way that we *never* put any pressure on a child or force him

to make a premature decision. That would be tragic indeed.

One of the highlights of my job is that I get to talk to people of all ages about how they can become Christians. When I get to talk to a child about that subject, with the child's parents gathered around, it is a special joy.

The purpose of this booklet is to help parents, grandparents, and other family members know how to effectively lead a child to Christ. Much of what I will share here can be used by Sunday School teachers and others who work with children to help them feel more confident in explaining to a child how to receive Christ. The majority of what I will share is material I learned from my own father. He is the one who led me to Christ when I was a child. He is the one who helped me come to the full assurance of my salvation as an adult. And he is the one who taught me how to share Christ with others when I first became a minister. Much of what he taught me is an adaptation of the *Four Spiritual Laws*⁴ and *Steps to Peace with God*.⁵

When he became the pastor of First Baptist Church in Pasadena in January of 1990, he asked me to lead the *Children's Day Camp* at

the church in the summer of that year. I led it that summer and for the next two summers after that. We averaged approximately one hundred children (1st – 5th graders) a day. There were a handful of us (college-aged students) who worked at the *Day Camp* each day. We did our best to share Christ with each child during those summers, and we were excited to see many of them give their hearts to Jesus.

Not long ago, one Sunday morning after a worship service, a man, his wife, and their three children came up to talk to me. The man, who is now in his thirties, said to me, “Jon, this is my wife, and these are our children. When I was their age, you helped me become a Christian when I attended the *Children’s Day Camp*. I was wondering if you could talk to our children about how they can become Christians, too.” I thought to myself, “Life has come full circle. These are the kids of a *Day Camp* kid. I must have the greatest job in the world!”

A Child’s Heart is Like Soil

Jesus told a parable in which He compared the gospel (the good news about salvation) to a

seed. In the same parable, He compared the human heart to soil (*see Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*). Using His analogy, it makes sense that before we share the specifics of salvation with a child that we should help him cultivate a heart that is open, receptive, tender, and desirous of the things of God.

Whenever you are talking to a child about salvation (especially if you are the parent), you want to make sure you have done everything within your power to soften your child's heart (the soil) so that the gospel (the seed) can take root. Let me make a few practical suggestions that will help soften a child's heart.

1. Pray for your child's salvation.

Prayer is a powerful thing. When we pray, we are talking to the God of the universe. We are talking to the One Who has all power. And when we pray for the salvation of a child (or of anyone else for that matter), we can be absolutely certain that we are praying in the will of God (*see I John 5:14*). After all, it is God's will for everyone to be saved (*see II Peter 3:9*).

There is something special about the prayers of parents for their child's salvation. I will

always be grateful that my parents began praying for my salvation before I was even born. It's never too early to start!

If you are the parent, grandparent, or other family member of an unsaved child, I encourage you to begin praying for that child's salvation immediately. Write the child's name down in your prayer journal and begin to pray regularly for his salvation. God will honor those prayers, and I believe there will come a day, the right day, when He will answer them.

2. Create a Christ-centered atmosphere in the home.

This will look differently in each family unit, but remember, the key to sharing Christ with anyone is wrapped up in the word "natural." It should be natural for a Christian parent to share Christ with his or her child.

Talk about Jesus like He is a real person. After all, He is. Pray before meals, bedtime, and trips. Have *brief* and *meaningful* devotional times as a family. Be kind to one another. Ask for forgiveness when you mess up. Be real. Be normal. Be natural. And then when it is time to explain salvation to your child, just be yourself!

3. Make church a priority for your family.

Each family has to determine how it will function. Families must determine their own sets of priorities. It is obvious, though, that with more activities than ever before, families are going to have to make some difficult decisions if church is going to be a priority.

Most things in life are better *caught* than *taught*. Children pick up on what their parents *do* more than on what their parents *say*. Again, this is for each family to figure out for itself, but my advice is this: *Build your family around the church and work other activities in as you can. Don't try to fit the church into an already over-crowded, activity-driven schedule.*

Communicate to your children that going to church is more important than going anywhere else. You communicate that best by simply doing it...Sunday by Sunday and Wednesday night by Wednesday night. In the end, your children will respect you for that, and you will be helping them set their own priorities for when they grow up. Remember, your children will ultimately be your grandchildren's parents, so for the sake of your grandchildren, get your kids in church regularly!

4. Look for teachable moments.

The best lessons in life are learned along the way. We learned about the *Cracker Barrel* on road trips. We learned how to mow the yard by mowing the yard. And we learn about God in our daily lives.

So look for teachable moments. You will probably do more teaching *there* than in a family devotional. When your child is afraid, remind him that God is there. When your child disobeys, ask him if he thinks that made God happy or sad. When he loses his temper, ask him how he thinks that made God feel. Don't preach at your children, but look for ways to naturally bring God into the conversation.

5. Be sensitive to what you perceive the Holy Spirit to be doing in your child's heart.

When your child starts asking questions about God, listen to those questions. Answer them as best as you can. If you feel like your child needs to talk with a minister, call the church office and make an appointment. If you feel comfortable talking to your child about salvation yourself, do that. God will give you wisdom, but your job is to watch, listen, and pay attention to what God is doing.

We never want to *push* or *force* a child into making a premature decision. Every child wants to have “Jesus in his heart,” but there is more to salvation than that. As we will see a little later, a child cannot be saved until he understands sin; so in your conversations, *you are looking to see if the Holy Spirit is convicting your child of sin.* Without that conviction, genuine salvation cannot take place.

Planting the Seed...Sharing the Gospel

There will come a time when either you or someone else will need to sit down and explain to your child what it means to be a Christian and how he can become one. A child needs to be confronted with the seriousness of sin and with the plan of salvation in a way that he can understand.

The clue that God will give you to let you know that the time is near is this: *Your child will begin talking about salvation. He will begin saying things like, “I want Jesus in my heart” or “Why can’t I be baptized?” or “I want to become a Christian.”* When this begins to happen, someone needs to explain the way of salvation to your child. If you choose to do that yourself, here is my advice:

**Get a piece of paper and a pen.*

**Sit down at the kitchen table with your child.*

**Turn the television off.*

**Put your cell phone away.*

**Begin the conversation by saying this:*

“Let’s talk about what it means to be a Christian. A Christian is someone who has Jesus Christ living in his heart. The word ‘*Christ*’ is the first part of the word ‘*Christian*,’ so in order to become a *Christian*, we have to receive *Christ*.”

At this point, write out at the top of the piece of paper these words as the *heading* for the gospel presentation you are about to give:

How to Become a Christian

After writing out the heading, say: “In order to become a Christian, there are *three things* you have to know in your *head* and then *something* has to happen in your *heart*; so let’s see how close you are to becoming a

Christian.” Then write out the first thing the child needs to know:

1. God loves you, and He has a special plan for your life.

Begin the conversation with the child by talking about the love of God. That is where the message of salvation begins. The Bible says, “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...*” (John 3:16).

Explain to your child that God loves him more than anyone does. God has a bigger heart than people do, so He loves us like no other person can. He loves us when we’re good. He loves us when we’re bad. God never stops loving us, and He has a plan for our lives. At this point, I like to ask kids what they want to be when they grow up. Boys typically say things like, “I want to be a fireman” *or* “I want to be a football player” *or* “I want to be a police officer.” Girls typically say things like, “I want to be a teacher” *or* “I want to be a veterinarian.” One girl told me, “I can’t decide if I want to be a missionary or a rock musician.” I’ve always wondered how that turned out!

Affirm their dreams. Tell them you are proud of their plans. Then explain that as important as God's plan is for their *jobs* that the most important part of God's plan is for them to become *Christians* at the right time.

If a child understands that God loves him and that He has a plan for his life, put a checkmark beside #1 and then move on to the second thing he needs to understand in order to become a Christian. Write it down for him:

2. Everybody sins.

I like to ask a child at this point if he knows what a sin is. Many children can explain it. They will say things like, "A sin is when I do something bad" or "A sin is when I do something wrong." Those are good and accurate answers. I always add, "A sin is anything we do that makes God unhappy."

Ask the child directly, "Have you ever sinned? Have you ever done anything that made God unhappy?" A child will normally indicate that he has. If he doesn't answer, I like to ask him, "Have you ever told a lie? Have you ever disobeyed your parents? Have you ever gotten into a fight with your sister?" If the child says "Yes" then I proceed. If he says

“No” then I go ahead and continue explaining the remaining steps of how to become a Christian, but I know in my heart that the child isn’t ready. He isn’t ready because he doesn’t understand sin.

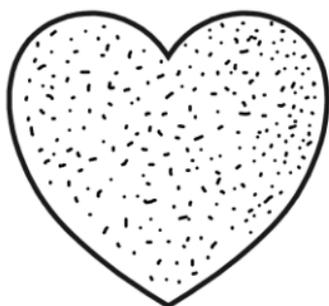
But if I sense that he does understand sin, I ask this question: “*How many times in your lifetime do you think you have sinned?*” I write out these numbers and ask him to circle the one that is closest to the right answer:

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If a child circles “100” or “1,000,” I know that he understands sin. If a child circles the number “1,” I know that he doesn’t understand sin. If a child circles “10,” I have to be discerning. For some children, especially girls, the number “10” seems like a big number, so we have to be in touch with the Holy Spirit as we are walking through this process with a child. We have to be convinced *that the child is convinced* that he has sinned. If there is no clear understanding of sin, there cannot be any repentance. And without repentance, there can be no salvation (*see Luke 13:3*).

At this point, I like to explain that when we sin it makes our hearts dirty. Every time we do

something that makes God unhappy, we put a little dark spot in our hearts. I then draw a picture of a heart and fill it up with dark spots to demonstrate what a dirty heart looks like:



I explain that if we die with all of those dirty sins in our hearts that we cannot go to heaven and be with God. Heaven is a clean place, and dirty hearts cannot go to a perfectly clean place.

Now that creates a problem for all of us because everybody has sinned; so the “million dollar question” is this: *“How can we get those dirty sins out of our hearts? How can we get our hearts to be clean?”* We are leading up to the third point in our explanation, but if you are convinced the child you are talking to understands sin, put a checkmark beside #2 and then write down the third thing a person has to know before he can become a Christian:

3. Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins.

A child needs to understand that sins must be paid for. I like to ask this question: “If your dad starts driving 100 miles per hour down the road, what is he going to get?” The child will say, “He will get a speeding ticket.” Then I ask, “And what is he going to have to do?” To which the child responds, “He’s going to have to pay for it!”

That leads me smoothly into the point I am trying to make. And that is this: *When we break the law, we have to pay for it.* If you get a speeding ticket, you have to pay money to the court. But if you break God’s law, it is even more serious than that. I like to tap back into the number of sins the child says he has committed and say, “You said that you have broken God’s law 100 times. That’s like having 100 speeding tickets. That’s serious business.”

I then explain that the payment, or penalty, for our sins is death (*see Romans 6:23*). That’s really bad news. I don’t want to have to die to pay for my sins, and I don’t have to. The good news is that Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed His blood so that our sins could be forgiven. He died to pay for our sins.

It is important to help the child understand that the blood of Jesus is like soap. Just like soap and water make dirty *clothes* clean, the blood of Jesus makes dirty *hearts* clean. The Bible says, “*The blood of Jesus Christ... cleanses us from all sin*” (1 John 1:7).

Make sure the child understands this. You cannot stress this point strongly enough. The child must understand that salvation doesn't come through baptism or the church or by being good. Salvation comes only through *the blood of Jesus Christ*.

Explain that after Jesus died on the cross that He was buried. He then rose from the dead, and later He returned to heaven. He's in heaven today, and one day He's coming back to earth. Before Jesus returns, or before we die, we have to be certain that our sins are forgiven and that He is living in our hearts.

If the child understands that Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins and that His blood washes our sins away, place a checkmark beside #3 and then write down the final thing involved in becoming a Christian:

4. We must repent of our sins, ask Jesus to save us, and trust Him to do it.

At the beginning of this gospel presentation, you said to the child that there are *three things* he has to *understand* in order to become a Christian and *one thing* that must happen in his *heart*. He knows the three things in his head:

- ✓ 1. God loves you, and He has a special plan for your life.
- ✓ 2. Everybody sins.
- ✓ 3. Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins.

Explain that as important as it is to know these things in our *heads* that simply knowing these truths does not make us Christians. Knowing these truths just makes us smart! To become a Christian, though, we have to receive Jesus into our *hearts*. How can we do this?

First, we have to repent of our sins. That means we have to ask God to forgive us of everything we have done wrong, and we have to ask Him to help us change. The word “*repent*” literally means “*to turn around and go the other way.*” We ask God to forgive us,

and we ask Him to help us change. We ask Him to forgive us of lying, disobeying, using bad language, and getting into fights. And we ask Him to help us stop doing those things.

After we repent of our sins, we ask Jesus Christ to come into our hearts. Jesus said, "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me*" (Revelation 3:20). At this point, most children will understand that Jesus wants to come into their hearts, and they will want Him to come in.

Explain that after we *ask* Jesus to save us that we must *trust* Him to do it. Make clear that Jesus would never lie to us or mislead us in any way. He has promised to come into our hearts, and we have to trust Him to do it. Inviting Jesus into our hearts is not something we have to do every day, every week, or every so often. We just ask Him *once* to save us, and He does. He saves us if we will *repent* of our sins, *ask* Him to save us, and then *trust* Him to do it.

If you sense in your spirit that the Holy Spirit is convicting your child and that the time of salvation is now, ask him these questions:

“Would you like to ask Jesus to come into your heart? Do you believe He will forgive you and save you? Would you like for me to help you invite Jesus into your heart right now?”

If the child says “Yes” to those questions, then you are about to have one of the greatest experiences in life. You are about to lead a child, perhaps your own child, to Christ.

Remind the child that Jesus is in the room even though we cannot see Him and that He is waiting to come into his heart. Ask the child to bow his head in prayer. Tell him that you are going to help him ask Jesus to come into his heart. Ask him to repeat this prayer after you...reminding him that Jesus is listening and that He is about to answer:

The Sinner’s Prayer

(Just lead the child to repeat this prayer after you...one phrase at a time...out loud.)

“Dear Jesus,

I want to become a Christian today.

I am sorry for my sins.

Thank You for dying on the cross to pay for my sins.

I ask You now to come into my heart, Jesus.

Forgive my sins.

And make me a Christian.

I ask You to save me.

And I trust You to do it.

Welcome to my heart, Jesus.

Thank You that You will never leave me.

Begin now to make me the person that You want me to be.

I love You, Jesus.

In Your Name I pray,

Amen.”

After the prayer, congratulate the child. Explain to him that today is his “spiritual birthday” because he was just “born again” (*John 3:3, 7*). Just like he has a “physical

birthday,” the child now has a “spiritual birthday” as well. I would encourage you to write the date of the child’s “spiritual birthday” in a special Bible or scrapbook and then to celebrate this day with him every year.

Ask the child where Jesus is now. He will say, “He’s in my heart.” Affirm that. Refer back to the dirty heart you drew on the piece of paper and explain how Jesus’ blood has washed those sins away. Write the words “*The Blood of Jesus*” at the top of the heart. You can then draw some squiggly lines from the top of the heart to the bottom of the heart representing how the blood of Jesus washes our sins away:

The Blood of Jesus



Then draw a clean heart and explain how Jesus' blood has made the child's heart clean:



Then explain that when Jesus washed the child's sins away that He came to live in his heart. Write Jesus' Name inside the clean heart:



Then emphasize that Jesus will never leave the child's heart (*see Hebrews 13:5*). And explain that one day He will take the child to heaven (*see John 14:3*).

Put a checkmark beside #4 and congratulate the child for becoming a Christian. Your paper should now look something like this:

How to Become a Christian

- ✓ 1. God loves you, and He has a special plan for your life.
- ✓ 2. Everybody sins.

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The Blood of Jesus



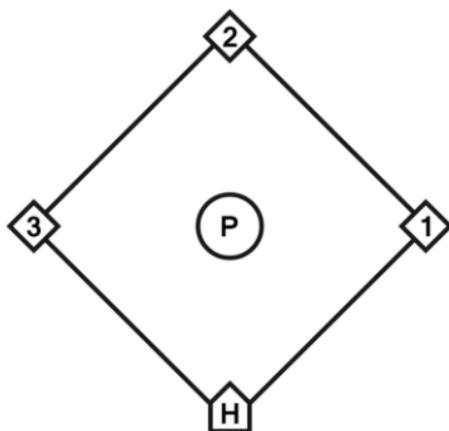
- ✓ 3. Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins.
- ✓ 4. We must repent of our sins, ask Jesus to save us, and trust Him to do it.



The Baseball Field

After you have led your child to receive Christ and explained his spiritual birthday to him, turn the piece of paper over. On the back of this paper, you are going to draw a baseball field that will help put the Christian life in a clear perspective.⁶ Most children are familiar with baseball, so this illustration will be easy for them to grasp. Occasionally, I talk to a child who has never played baseball or softball, so I have to explain how a baseball player runs around the bases after hitting the ball. These bases, in our illustration, highlight the progression and development of the Christian life. The pitcher's mound goes in the middle of the field and makes the illustration more real.

Begin by actually drawing a baseball field:



As you are drawing the baseball field, ask the child to help you fill in the bases. For example, you can ask, "Where does the batter run after he hits the ball?" The child will say, "To first base." You can then write in where first base goes. You can then say, "What comes after first base?" The child will say, "Second base." Write in where second base goes. You can do the same thing for third base and home plate.

After you have the baseball field completed, explain to the child that the baseball field is a picture of the Christian life. Each base represents something.

First base represents becoming a Christian. You will want to write "*Becoming a Christian*" by first base. This is what the child just did when he invited Jesus into his heart. You might want to put the date by first base just to reemphasize the child's spiritual birthday.

Second base represents baptism. Write the word "*Baptism*" by second base. It is important for the child to see that second base comes *after* first base. Baptism comes *after* salvation. In a baseball game, you cannot run across the pitcher's mound to second base after you hit the ball. You have to go to first base

first. The same is true in the Christian life. Before you get baptized, you have to become a Christian. Baptism is *not* what saves us. Many children are confused about this. You will want to remind the child that it is *the blood of Jesus* that washes our sins away, not the water in the baptistry.

The purpose of baptism is not to *make* us Christians, but to let other people know that we *already are* Christians. Baptism identifies us with Christ. Baptism lets other people know that we are on God's team. It is like a baseball player putting on his uniform.

I always explain to a child that the white robes we wear when we get baptized are a symbol of the fact that Jesus has made our hearts clean and pure and white. When the child puts on that baptism robe, it is his way of saying, "Just like my robe is clean and pure and white, Jesus has made my heart that way."

I then explain that after Jesus died on the cross that He was buried and that three days later He was raised from the dead by His Father. When the child is baptized, he will be lowered under the water and then lifted back up out of the water. Baptism is the child's way of saying, "I have *died* to an old way of living,

and I have been *raised* to a brand new way of life” (see *Romans 6:4*). Baptism is a *picture* of salvation.

Emphasize to the child that baptism is an act of obedience (see *Matthew 28:18-20*). Explain that Jesus was baptized and that He wants us to be baptized, too (see *Matthew 3:13-17*). Help the child to understand that baptism is a big deal. It is the right thing to do. And it will make Jesus happy.

In our church, we have a public invitation after every sermon, so I encourage the child to come forward with his parents during an invitation to make his public profession of faith. We typically schedule the baptism *after* the child comes forward in a worship service.

I always try to make things as simple and orderly for the child and for his parents as possible. People want to know what to do, so I tell them: “First, you become a Christian. Next, you come forward in a service. Then, you get baptized.”

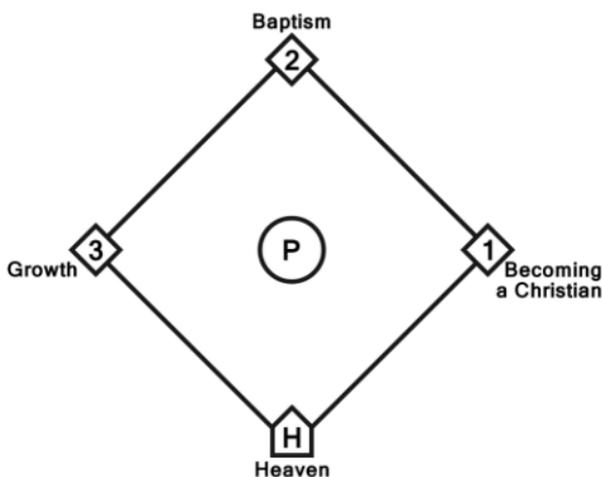
After baptism has been explained, you are ready to explain third base to the child. *Third base* represents growth, so write the word “*Growth*” by third base. Explain that just like

the child is growing physically and mentally that God wants him to grow spiritually as well.

Children grow spiritually by reading the Bible, listening to the Holy Spirit, obeying their parents, going to church, talking to God, and being kind to others. At our church, we have a little workbook that we give children that helps them to grow spiritually.⁷

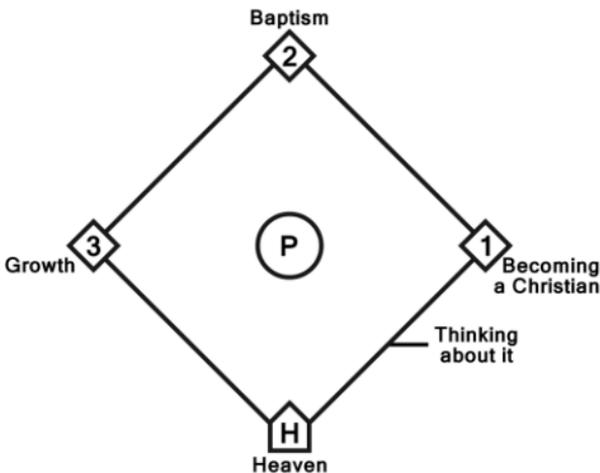
Then, after third base, Christians go home. *Home plate* represents heaven. Write “*Heaven*” by home plate. Explain to the child that one day our life on earth, our “game” as it were, will be over and that Jesus will take us to heaven where we will live with Him forever.

At this point, the baseball field should look like this:



Ask the child to point to the base that he is now on. He will point to first base. Then ask him to point to the base that he is supposed to go to next. He will point to second base. At this point, the child clearly understands both salvation and baptism. Your work is complete.

I will add, though, that some children who were not quite ready to be saved because they didn't really understand sin still need a further word of explanation. I say to such a child, "There is one other place on this baseball field. It's right before first base. It's what we call '*Thinking about it.*' In other words, you're not quite ready to become a Christian, but you're thinking about it." I then draw that out for the child:



I always affirm a child who is "*thinking about*" becoming a Christian. He is taking a

step towards God. He needs to feel good about that. And by explaining to the child and to his parents where he is on the baseball field, everyone is clear, and there is no confusion. I say to the child, "It's not quite time for you to go to first base and become a Christian, but before long it will be. Whenever you are ready, tell your parents, and we will meet again." Thus my meeting with the child and his parents ends with affirmation, clarity, and a plan. And in these cases, a premature decision has been avoided.

A Closing Word

There have been several times through the years when I have been sharing the gospel with a child and it became obvious to me that God was not only dealing with the child, but that He was dealing with the child's parents, and in some instances with the child's grandparents, as well. That is one of the reasons I like to have the parents in my meeting with the child.

I have had the privilege of leading other family members to Christ after the child prayed to be saved. Maybe you picked up this booklet so that you could learn how to more effectively share Christ with a child in your family, but as

you have read these pages, you have become convicted of your own need for Christ.

Thankfully, the way an adult gets saved is the same way a child gets saved...by recognizing our need for forgiveness, by repenting of our sins, and by receiving Jesus Christ into our hearts by faith.

If you have never done that, or if you're just not sure that you have, pray this prayer now...from your heart to God's heart:

“Dear Jesus,

I want to become a Christian today. I am sorry for my sins. Thank You for dying on the cross to pay for my sins. I ask You now to come into my heart, Jesus. Forgive my sins, and make me a Christian. I ask You to save me, and I trust You to do it. Welcome to my heart, Jesus. Thank You that You will never leave me. Begin now to make me the person that You want me to be. I love You, Jesus.

*In Your Name I pray,
Amen.”*

If you prayed that prayer, let me be the first person to congratulate you! Today is *your*

spiritual birthday! Jesus just came to live in *your* heart, and He will never leave *you*!

And going forward, you will be a much more effective soul-winner. After all, it's easier for us to share Christ with others when we are certain that we have Him living in our own hearts!

¹ The author of this booklet read this story years ago, but he cannot remember the source. To the best of his recollection, the pastor referenced was Charles Spurgeon.

² George Barna, *Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions*, Regal Books, Ventura, 2003, p. 33.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 34.

⁴ Bill Bright, *Four Spiritual Laws*, New Life Publications, Peachtree City, 2000.

⁵ Billy Graham, *Steps to Peace With God*, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Charlotte, 2008.

⁶ The author of this booklet learned about the baseball field from his father. His father learned about the baseball field from another minister in the early 1970's. Sadly, the name of that minister is forgotten by this author's father. His name, though, is remembered by God, and we are forever indebted for his contribution to the body of Christ through the baseball field.

⁷ Rob Sanders, *My Good News Journal*, Broadman & Holman Publishers, Nashville, 2000.

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- *In the Twinkling of an Eye*
- *Angels Among Us*
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- *The Lord Is My Shepherd*
- *How to Lead a Child to Christ*
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