Guiding a Child to the Savior

Key Questions
Why did you come to talk with me?
Why do you need the Lord Jesus Christ?

The True and Living God (John 3:16a)
- Who is God?
- What does it mean that God is holy?
- Does God love you?

Need of Salvation (Romans 3:23a)
- What is sin?
- Are you a sinner?
- What is God's punishment for sin?

Way of Salvation (1 Corinthians 15:3-5a)
- Who is Jesus?
- What did the Lord Jesus do for you?
- Why is Jesus the only one who could die for your sins?
- What happened to Jesus after He died?

Believe in Jesus
- Let's look in the Bible to see what God says about believing in Jesus. *(Use a condition/promise verse such as John 1:12, John 3:16, or Acts 16:31 and the terminology used in the verse you choose; e.g., believe in, believe on, receive, etc.)*
- What does God promise He will do?
- What does God say you must do?
- Do you believe in (trust) the Lord Jesus as the only Savior from your sins?

Suggested Prayer of Response
- Tell God that you have sinned and that you are sorry.
- Tell God you believe in (trust) the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for your sin and rose again.
- Tell God you want to live His way, with His help.

Assurance
- If you truly believe in the Lord Jesus, what did He do for you?
- How do you know? *(Read the condition/promise verse again. Put child's name in it.)*
- The Bible says that Jesus comes into your life when you believe in Him. Jesus will never leave you! *(Read Hebrews 13:5b.)* Where is Jesus now?
- *(Read Hebrews 13:6a.)* Who will help you say NO to sin?
- If you do sin, what should you do? Let's look and see what God's Word says. *(Read and explain 1 John 1:9.)*

Grow (2 Peter 3:18)
- **G—*Go*** to church and Sunday school.
- **R—*Read*** God's Word and ***pray*** every day.
- **O—*Obey*** God! God, the Holy Spirit, lives in you to give you the power to help you do what is right. *(Read Hebrews 13:5b-6a.)*
- **W—*Witness*** to others, telling them about what the Lord Jesus has done for them.

Before the child leaves, give him or her a tract.
Encourage him to talk to God right now:
- Thank God for loving you and saving you from sin.
- Thank God for helping you live for Him.

Pray for the child by name.

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Leading a Child in Consecration

1. Question the child relative to his salvation, giving him opportunity to confess Christ to you. If he does not show clarity, he is not ready for consecration. Go over the steps given for leading a child to Christ.

2. If he is clear on the reality of his salvation, lead him to give himself to God by fully obeying what he knows God wants him to do (Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

3. Show him that the Holy Spirit, who lives in him, will make known through the Word of God what He wants him to do each day (John 14:26); e.g., obey parents (Colossians 3:20), witness for Christ where he is (Acts 1:8), set aside a time for Bible reading and prayer (1 Timothy 2:1-5; 4:15; 2 Timothy 2:15), live every part of his life to please God (1 Timothy 4:12).

4. Lead him in a prayer of dedication: "Dear Lord Jesus, today I give myself to You. I want You to take control of my life. Help me live each day to please You. Help me be faithful in reading Your Word that I may know Your plan for me. Thank You for taking control of my life. Amen."

5. Help him see that it is a sin to again take control of his life and that when he sins, he should confess it to God, trusting Him to forgive. He should then allow God to once more take control of his life (1 John 1:9; Proverbs 3:5-6).