

## Sharing The Plan of Salvation With Your Child



### **At what age can a child become a Christian?**

A child can become a Christian when he or she experiences the separation from God caused by sin, understands God's gift of salvation through Jesus, and is ready to make a commitment of his or her life to the Lordship of Christ.

The key to gauging a child's readiness is his or her grasp of personal sin and its consequences. Many children understand the love of God and the death of Jesus before they experience conviction of sin.

There is no set age when a child experiences conviction. However, according to some studies 75 per cent of Christians are saved between the ages of 8 and 14.

### **How do I share the plan of salvation with my child?**

Use methods appropriate to the age level. In our VBS, we do not evangelize children in grade 1 or younger. We share the gospel in a low-key approach with second graders. We evangelize children in grades 3 through 6 in a group setting. We evangelize youth and adults in group settings or individually.

Let the child set the pace. Answer questions whenever they arise.

Use the same three key words as with adults. The gospel is the same for everyone.

Ask questions which require more than a "yes" or "no" answer:

"What does it mean to be a Christian?"

"Why do you want to be a Christian?"

"What do you think sin is?"

"What did God do to save us from our sins?"

Do not call for an immediate decision with children. Let the child take the initiative. Explain how to become a Christian. Then tell the child to let you or someone else know when he is ready