“In Pursuit of Your Child’s (Loved One’s) Salvation”

Psalm 78:1-8
“He himself (Jesus) is the sacrifice that atones for our sins--and not only our sins but the sins of all the world” (1 John 2:2).

“who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4)

“is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9)
Leading Children to the Lord!

Q: When is the time “right?”
Challenge – present Gospel but not manipulate

Meet Dr. James Dobson
Focus on the Family
7,000 radio outlets
220 million listeners
164 countries
Prayed to receive Christ @ 4 yrs.
Great News! God **Knows, Loves, And Wants** Children

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you” (Jeremiah 1:5).

He knows and **CHOSES before the foundation of the world**! (Ephesians 1:4-5)

You are wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13-16).

The Kingdom belongs to ... these! (Mt. 19:14)
God’s Gracious Provisions

The Gospel of Jesus Christ - (Romans 5:8)
* Where God is, the message is demonstrated!
* The Word preserved! e.g. Gideons!
* Godly parents – for some
* Community of Faith – as a model to all!
* God burdens His people to pray for lost!
* And the Spirit given to us!
The Role of The Holy Spirit in Conversion

John 16:8-9 – *convicts* (an active agent!) sin, judgment, righteousness

*Magnifies/glorifies* work of Jesus John 16:14
Brings to light the substitutionary nature of Calvary’s cross!
The Role of Parents:
Demonstrate the Message!

See Psalm 78:3-4

God establishes the testimony – vs. 5

He commands the testimony be taught – vs. 6

“so that the generation to come might KNOW”

“Know” – Hebrew ‘yada’ – intimate knowledge

Genesis 4:1 – Adam knew Eve

result = reproduction!
What To Watch For In A Child’s Heart

Awareness of personal sin; guilt, shame

Preoccupation with Jesus and His Kingdom

_Beware_: Focus on baptism but ignores salvation relationship with Jesus, lack of repentance only leads to confusion later in life.

Vs. / delaying obedience to the Lord
Sustaining Hope When They Wander

Grace, grace, and more grace!
Isaiah 53:6 – we have all gone astray

Love, stand firm in the truth, but don’t confuse them by blessing or minimizing their sin

State God’s vision – 3 John 4 “no greater joy than children walking in the truth”
VBS 2017 Is Upon Us!