

PARENT GUIDE

WHY AND HOW SHOULD I TELL OTHERS?

WEEK NINE

If we truly believe that the Gospel—the news that Jesus came, died, and resurrected for **us**—is good news, then how could we ever keep that to ourselves? Just like we tell people excitedly when we get a promotion or are recognized at work, we should share about the Good News of Christ with even more joy. However, this can be easier said than done.

How can we confidently share when it's easier to not take that bold step? Join us this week in discovering the answer.



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WEEKEND
SUNDAY

EXPLORING THE QUESTION

MAIN IDEA

When you have good news, do you keep it to yourself, or do you want to tell the people you are close to? Of course you share it! Since we believe the Gospel (that Jesus was sent to Earth to die for our sins and take our place so that we may have eternal life) is good news and that believing is the way to heaven, **OF COURSE** we share it! Jesus **commands** us to share the good news to those around us!

CONVERSATION

(questions your kids may ask you)

- Does sharing about God seem important to you?
- Who are some people YOU can share with?

RESOURCES

- Adult Alpha guide
- Video: The 3 Circles
- The Bridge Illustration
- Song: All The Poor & Powerless by All Sons & Daughters

ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT:
universitycarillon.net/AlphaKids



Get in touch.

kids@universitycarillon.net

▶ ALPHA ADULT GUIDE: WEEK NINE

See next page(s) for the Adult Alpha guide.

▶ VIDEO: THE THREE CIRCLES

Jimmy Scroggins, pastor and creator of the 3 Circles, walks through the 3 Circles from beginning to end. Watch and learn how you can share the gospel with anyone.

WATCH VIDEO

▶ THE BRIDGE ILLUSTRATION

See next page(s) for the resource sourced from the Navigators. This tried-and-true resource gives you the Bible verses to explain why we need Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross to solve our greatest problem: separation from God.

▶ SONG: ALL THE POOR & POWERLESS BY ALL SONS & DAUGHTERS

WATCH VIDEO

- ▶ Want to discuss this question further? Reach out to one of our pastors by emailing pastors@universitycarillon.net

WEEK NINE

Why and how should I tell



ALPHA GUIDE

‘Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you’ (Matthew 28:18–20).

Why tell others?

- Jesus told us to
- For the needs of others – spiritual hunger in the world
- It’s good news: ‘gospel’ = good news
- Two opposite dangers
 - Insensitivity
 - Fear

How do we tell others?

1. PRESENCE (Matthew 5:13–16)

- We are called to be salt and light (vv.13–14)
- When people know we are Christians, they watch our lives (v.16)

‘You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.’ (Matthew 5:13–16)

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2. PERSUASION (Matthew 5:13–16)

‘Since... we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade people.’ (2 Corinthians 5:11)

- Work out the answers to common questions
 - Eg: ‘What about other religions?’ and ‘How can a God of love allow suffering?’
- Do it with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15)

3. PROCLAMATION (John 1:39–46)

- We are not all called to be ‘evangelists’ but we are all called to be ‘witnesses’ (v.41)
- We can all say, ‘Come and see’

4. POWER (1 Thessalonians 1:5)

- The love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit
- Healing

5. PRAYER (1 Thessalonians 1:5)

- For others
- For ourselves – to have boldness (Acts 4:29–31)

Don’t give up – whenever you pass on the good news of Jesus, it has an effect. The gospel is the power of God (Mark 4:15–20).

RECOMMENDED READING

Lord... Help My Unbelief
John Young

Searching Issues
Nicky Gumbel

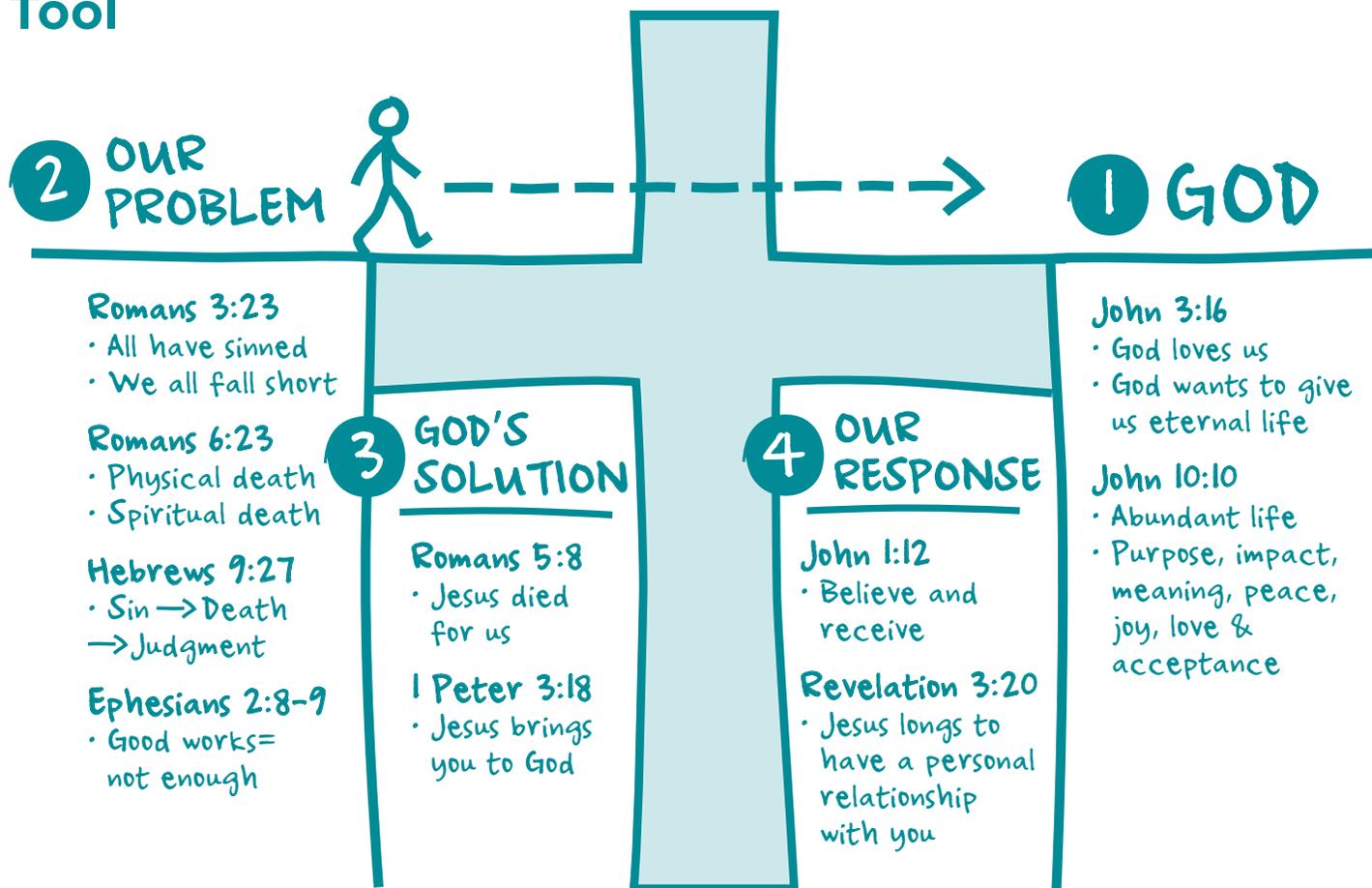
APPENDIX

Suggestions for preparing your story:

- **Keep it short**
 - Aim for three minutes – people switch off after that
- **Make it personal**
 - Don’t preach – use ‘I’ or ‘we’ – not ‘you’
- **Keep Christ central**
 - They need to follow him, not you
- **The format:**
 - A little of your former life
 - How you came into your relationship with Christ
 - Something of what it has meant since then
- **Write it out in full**
 - It’s easier to edit your story when it’s down on paper!



Navigators Discipleship Tool



THE BRIDGE TO LIFE

This tried-and-true resource gives you the Bible verses to explain why we need Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross to solve our greatest problem: separation from God.

When you're not sure if friends have surrendered their lives to Christ yet, this is a great way to help them make that decision.

Draw this diagram on a piece of paper to walk someone through the gospel step-by-step. It helps to have the verses handy, bookmarked in a Bible or Bible app. The numbers show you the order in which to share.

Question & Answer Discussion Guide

1 GOD

[Draw the horizontal line on the right side with “GOD” above it, then add the verses and bullets underneath the line as you share them]

God created us with purpose, to be in relationship with Him and to enjoy all the fullness of life with Him.

John 3:16

- What does God desire you to know in the first part of the verse? **(God loves us)**
- What does the last line say God wants you to have? **(God wants to give us eternal life)**

John 10:10

- What type of life does Jesus want to give you on earth? **(Abundant life)**
- What do you think would be some inner characteristics of this full, abundant life that Jesus wants to give you? **(Purpose, impact, meaning, peace, joy, love & acceptance)**
- Do you think everyone you know is experiencing this abundant life? Let’s see what the Bible says about what prevents it.

2 OUR PROBLEM

[Draw the horizontal line on the left side with “OUR PROBLEM” above it]

We have a problem we can’t fix on our own.

Romans 3:23

- What is humanity’s problem? **(All have sinned)**
- What is sin? **(Like an arrow missing its target, we fall short of God’s intent for us. All of us have done what we should not do and left undone what we should have done.)**
- What is the result of sin? **(Separation from God)**
[Draw two vertical lines to make a chasm]

Romans 6:23

- Wages are what we earn by our actions. What do we earn by our sin? **(Death)**
- There are two types of death. What are they? **(Physical and Spiritual)**

Our sin separates us from God for eternity unless somehow we are released from paying the price for it.

Hebrews 9:27

- What happens after we die? **(We face judgment for the sin we commit)**
- This looks bleak for us. What are some ways you or others you know have tried to get to God’s side? **(Going to church, praying, helping people)**

God sees the hopeless situation we’re in and provides a way out.

Ephesians 2:8-9

- Can our best efforts bridge the separation between us and God? **(No, we are saved by grace, which is unmerited love. Good works = not enough)**

3 GOD'S SOLUTION

[Draw the Cross]

We can't build a bridge to God, but Jesus Christ is God's bridge to us.

Romans 5:8

- How did God show He loves us even though we're sinners? **(Jesus died for us to pay the penalty for our sin)**

1 Peter 3:18

- Why is Jesus dying on the Cross and rising again such good news for us? **(It allows us to be with God now on Earth and forever in Heaven because Jesus conquered both our sin and death by dying and rising again. That is the Christian gospel!)**

4 OUR RESPONSE

Each of us needs to respond to what God is offering us.

John 1:12

- How does one become a child of God? **(By believing and receiving Jesus, trusting in his sacrifice as the payment for your own personal sin.)**

Revelation 3:20

- What is Jesus trying to show here, when he offers to come in and eat with us? **(That he longs to have a personal relationship with us)**

NEXT STEPS

Accept Jesus, Which is as Simple as A-B-C

Admit that you are a sinner in need of a Savior and ask God to forgive you and help you turn from sin.

Believe Jesus died for you and rose again, conquering sin and death.

Commit your life to following Jesus, putting your total trust in Him and giving Him decision-making authority as Lord of your life.

Talk to Jesus Right Now

You can talk to Jesus right now to receive him. You can repeat after me or put this in your own words: "Father God, I know that I am a sinner and that I need you to forgive me. I know that your son Jesus died a painful death and rose again so that my sins could be washed clean. Thank you. I want to make you the Lord of my life, and I will trust and follow You. Everything I have is yours now. In the name of Jesus, amen."

The Adventure Ahead

Now that we're restored in our relationship, we get to join him in the restoration of all things on Earth that are broken and damaged by sin! This includes helping your friends have a relationship with Jesus, bringing justice where there is injustice, healing where there is pain, and hope where there is despair.

THIS TOOL IS MEANT TO BE SHARED.

To download The Bridge to Life illustration visit navlink.org/bridge

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