



Evangelism in the Classroom

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Four Reasons to Win Children to Christ

- 1 Salvation is a priority with Jesus. He died so we (including children) might be saved.
- 2 Preteen children are often more open and receptive to salvation than older students.
- 3 When children receive salvation and are given proper instruction, they can give many productive years to serving Christ.
- 4 A child who grows up in God's control can become a great influence for good.

Teachers of preteen students should be sensitive to their spiritual needs. They are open to receiving salvation and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Be sure your students are aware of the need for, and biblical plan for, these spiritual experiences in their lives.

Awareness of Preteens

Fifth graders like heroes. They try to pattern their lives after their heroes. Sixth graders look more for personal relationships with others. Be a personal friend

to those in your group. Let them see Christ's love in your life. Encourage each student to choose Jesus as his personal friend. Make this a regular topic of conversation in your class. If they don't hear it, they may never make the decision to accept salvation.



Preteens are interested in the Bible's answers to their questions. Help the students know what the Bible has to say about current issues. When you show them that the Bible applies to everyday situations, they will want to learn more. The best way to evangelize your group is

to see that they know and believe God's Word.

Keys to Evangelism

- 1 Bring truth to their level.
- 2 Depend on the Holy Spirit for guidance. Let the students ask questions.
- 3 Be an example of Christ's love to them.
- 4 Be familiar with applicable Bible verses and make them clear to the students.

Be straightforward with your answers. If you don't know the answer, say so and offer to research the matter. The students will respect your honesty and willingness to help them.

Create Opportunities

Preteens are open to salvation and to being baptized in the Holy Spirit. As it is appropriate in a lesson, make the students aware of the need for salvation and for baptism in the Holy Spirit. Watch for opportunities to pray with them in the classroom and during corporate prayer.

Ask God to use you to win children to Him. Be prepared. God will help you experience the thrill of leading children to Christ.

Questions for Further Study—

1. Name some characteristics of preteens.
2. How can you show Christ's love in your life?
3. What should you do if you don't know the answer to a preteen's question?
4. How can you create opportunities for preteens to accept Christ and/or be baptized in the Holy Spirit?



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