



"The Good News Story" Booklet

My Awesome God: Use this booklet to share the Gospel with non-believers or to help believing children fully understand the Good News—so they in turn can share it with others.

In this unique resource, seven Bible stories help kids grasp the significance of the Gospel message. Each story is followed by a "Good News" section that features colored-coded hearts and a brief explanation of each truth. Read the stories together and discuss how they relate to God's wonderful plan. The booklet also features a "steps-to-salvation" outline which directs kids to specific Bible verses.

The Gospel is the best news ever! Here are some tips for sharing Christ's message with children:

- Remember that Jesus welcomes children to come to Him (Matthew 19:14).
- Pray before sharing to prepare your own heart and sensitivity.
- Discern each child's spiritual condition: Ready to respond? Struggling to understand? Resistant?
- Open the Bible and use it to clearly share the Gospel. Focus on trusting Christ (rather than simply praying or inviting Him into their physical heart or saying the right words).
- Encourage a child to express his or her faith (trust) in Jesus through prayer.
- Use visuals, such as a bridge illustration, a wordless book, Gospel bracelet, or diagrams to help communicate difficult words and concepts to children.
- After a child responds to God's offer of forgiveness, encourage public profession of faith in Christ to friends, family, and others.
- Deal with children individually. This helps to clarify their motives and know they are trusting Christ rather than imitating their friends.
- Go through the Gospel presentation twice. Explain the Good News the first time. Then, review the Gospel and offer an opportunity to respond the second time.
- Don't manipulate a child to simply do what you want. Discern the heart attitude and present the Gospel to those you consider ready to trust Christ.