

Opportunities & Process

What events during your Pathfinder year lend themselves towards DECISION MAKING TIMES:

1. Club Meetings
2. Worship Activities
3. Camporee
4. Campouts
5. Lock-ins
6. Times of stress/worry/loss
7. Other _____

Before the event:

....communicate with parents that you and your staff are going to invite Pathfinders to accept Christ as their Savior

....have prayer warriors tuned to be pray during the event. It will give them respite from the illness list ;)

....Prepare your staff and yourself to be ready and open to opportunities to ask your Pathfinders. Yes, that means MEMORIZING THE BIBLE TEXTS for a Gospel Presentation!

During the event:

....be aware of changes of behavior during a worship / sermon / invitation event. Sometimes simply moving closer or whispering "is this for you?" is that quiet encouragement they needed.

....frame the time after the evening worship to allow the conversation to continue.

....Pray.

....Don't leave it to the professionals. Be ready to take the "opening" and finish the Gospel Presentation with your young people YOU KNOW THEM better than the preacher, public speaker.

...Be sensitive. Not too little, not too much.

After the event:

....communicate with the kids who have accepted Jesus, helping them bridge the gap to talk with parents and their pastor. These conversations are some of the most CHALLENGING for these new "toddler believers."

....keep notes of those who have made the decision and when they are getting baptized.

.... Have Baptismal Pins ready!

....Attend the event.

Sinner's Prayer

Do YOU wish to accept Jesus gift? Do you wish to BELIEVE in Jesus and be BAPTIZED soon?

Would you like to tell Jesus about your wish? I can help you. I can say a phrase and then you repeat after me.

Note to staff: There are many "versions" available when you google "Sinner's Prayer." As a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, we always make sure that the sinner's prayer includes admitting sinfulness (breaking God's law), accepting Jesus as their Savior, and a desire to follow Him. UNLIKE some Sinner's prayers, there is NO FEAR OF HELL mentioned or implied in the sinner's prayer.

Sinner's Prayer

Heavenly Father,

I have sinned against you. I want forgiveness for all my sins. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for me and rose again. Father, I give you my life to do with as you wish. I want Jesus Christ to come into my life and into my heart. This I ask in Jesus' name. **Amen!**

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Talking to parents

There are several keys to helping communicate the DECISIONS of your Pathfinders.

Key 1: Communicate OFTEN

Key 2: Be HONEST

Key 3: SUPPORT the new believer

For many kids, this is the MOST sensitive conversation they have ever had to initiate. Helping them PRACTICE is usually very helpful. Some will even wish for you to visit soon after and help them "break the news."

MANY PARENTS ARE AFRAID OF THEIR KIDS MAKING A DECISION FOR JESUS CHRIST!

Reasons they fear:

1. That the Pathfinder isn't "ready."
2. That the Pathfinder isn't already perfect (like somehow they are??)
3. That the Pathfinder may later leave the faith
4. The "age 12 theory"

Gospel Presentation

The Bad News:

Romans 3:23 - All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

That means no matter how sweet, nice, or caring you usually are, ALL of US (including your leaders) have broken God's law.

1 John 3:4 - Sin is lawlessness (breaking the law of God)
(Exodus 20:3-20 is Ten Commandments)

Romans 6:23 - Wages of sin is death

Wages=money you are PAID for WORK you do. Gift=something you are GIVEN even though you DID NOT DO anything to deserve it.

Summary: We have all sinned, therefore we all deserve death.

The Good News:

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world.....eternal life."

This is the central message of scripture. It is often helpful to substitute the phrase "the world" and "whosoever" with the young person's name. Ex. For God so loved <<name>> that He gave his One and Only Son. That when <<name>> believes in Him, he/she will not perish but have eternal life (life forever).

Ask the Adventurer if they know the story of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. If not, then share the story briefly, emphasizing the GIFT rather than the torture/gore. He died for US. (Romans 5:6-8 is a good summary text).

1 John 5:11-12 - "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

The Choice:

Joshua 24:15 - "...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, (whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell). But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Each of us choose whether we will serve the Lord. But TODAY is a great day to make that decision.

Acts 16:31 - "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved,..."

The person who asked what it took to be saved had NEVER been Christian/Jewish before...but he saw that he needed Jesus. Paul told him that there was ONE step....belief.

Now what?

Story option - **Acts 8** - Ethiopian Eunuch

Text option - **Mark 16:16** - "He/she who believes and is baptized will be saved."

Gospel Presentation

Other Presentations

"The Hand"

Christ
Died for
Me
Romans 5:8

If I
Believe
Acts 16:31

I Have
Sinned
Romans 3:23

I Will
Go to
Heaven
1 John 5:13

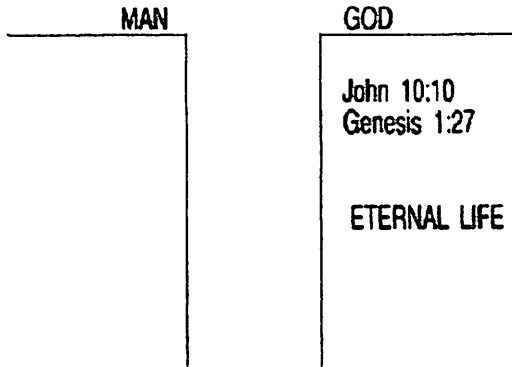
God
Loves Me
John 3:16

I Am God's
Child
John 1:12

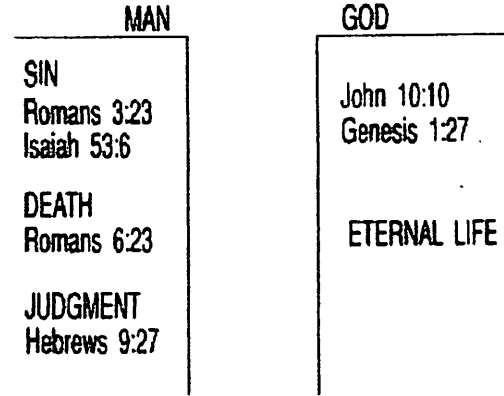


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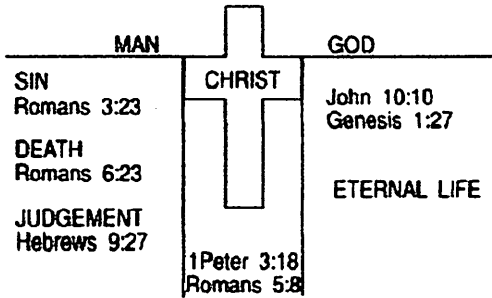
Drawing #1



Drawing #2



Drawing #3



Drawing #4

