

## 5 Keys to Child Evangelization

- 1) Children must be able to understand all the elements of the gospel before they can be saved. These concepts are good and evil, sin and punishment, repentance and faith, God's holiness and wrath against sin, the deity of Christ and His substitution for sin, the resurrection and lordship of Christ.
- 2) Don't cloud understanding with undefined words.  
Children definitions:
  - a. Holy – Being perfect, pure from sin, opposite of evil
  - b. Sin – Anything we say, think, or do that breaks God's commands and which makes God sad and angry
  - c. Faith – Equals trust
  - d. Repentance – a change of mind that results in a change of life. A person will hate sin and be deeply sorry for it.
  - e. Atonement – Christ paying our price for sin. Dying in our place.
- 3) It is not wise to give unqualified assurance of salvation to a child. If a child cannot articulate the gospel, true faith in Christ, and their experience of it then we are left not knowing what they understand. Even if they can articulate it, it is only when a child's convictions are tested by real world circumstances that conclusions can be made about genuine salvation.
- 4) Guarding them from a false assurance means looking for true evidences of grace such as sound profession and belief in Christ's death for sin and resurrection, determination to obediently follow Christ, loving affection for Christ, and hatred for sin.
- 5) Nurture every sign of faith with encouragement and joy. Those small seeds of understanding will mature into true faith and repentance by God's grace.