

tips for youth workers

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WHAT TOOLS WILL YOU USE?

October in Salvation Army calendars has traditionally been one of the months when we provide an opportunity for young people to make a decision for Christ. It's the month when we intentionally talk about our relationship with God, what hinders it and how God has planned a way for us to connect with him. So, what tools are you going to use to help you intentionally talk about becoming a part of God's family? Here are some tools available to help you:

Age –Appropriate Decision Pamphlets – These colourful easy to use pamphlets have been created to simply share the gospel message. There are four different pamphlets that can be used with kids in the age groups of 4-6, 6-8, 8-11 and teens. Purchase your supply from www.salvationist.ca/catalogue or the supplies and purchasing dept.

You give... God Saves – A tool that will assist you in knowing how to talk to either children or teens about what it means to be a part of God's family. It provides decision day ideas and tools that are easy to use. This tool will help prepare you as a leader to share with young people the truths of the gospel message. You can order your copy on-line at www.salvationist.ca/catalogue.

The Wordless Book – Colors tell the Gospel story! One of the most popular tools for witnessing, the Wordless Book presents the salvation message using five colored pages to represent Heaven and God's love, the darkness of sin, the blood of Christ, a clean heart and Christian growth. Each book comes with a free instruction leaflet. It is available from Child Evangelism Fellowship at www.cefonline.com

Gospel Flipper Flapper – You'll flip over this great Gospel tool! Children will be fascinated as you share the Gospel using this innovative new tool! Flip the flaps to reveal symbols and colors representing Heaven and God's love, the darkness of sin, the blood of Christ and a clean heart, and Christian growth. Keep one in your pocket or purse to share the Gospel at a moment's notice! Available from Child Evangelism Fellowship at www.cefonline.com.

Kids EE-Cube – Parents, teachers and pastors can teach kids that the Great Commission is not for adults only! Simply lay a foundation with the Kids' EE-Cube, a colorful, fun, interactive visual tool that flips and folds to reveal a clear Gospel message, equipping kids to share their faith in Christ with others. Available from E3 Resources at www.e3resources.org or use the link from www.salvationist.ca (ministry resources). Check out their other great tools, such as the E-cube keychain with great teen appeal!

God Loves You So Much! – Plant a salvation seed in the heart of a child. Reach the kids in your community with a fun, exciting, and interactive presentation of the Gospel message from Max Lucado's Hermie & Friends. Available from Nelson Ministry Services at www.nelsonministryservices.com or use the link from www.salvationist.ca (ministry resources).

Are you prepared to lead a child to Christ? Why not try one of these decision tools to help build your confidence? Are you intentionally providing an opportunity for kids to make a decision? Why not give it a try this month? Be sure to let your corps officer know how it goes so that together you can pray for your young people.