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In our desire to lead children to faith in Christ, parents and teachers can feel overwhelmed by all they want and need to teach children. Have you ever wondered what's most important to teach children about the gospel? The following are 10 essentials:

1. God is the sovereign Creator of all things.

- Scripture: Psalm 19:1, Psalm 22:28; Psalm 24:1; Isaiah 44:24
- Implication: God made you. You belong to God. God is your ruler.

2. God created people for His glory.

- Scripture: Psalm 29:1-2; Isaiah 43:6-7; 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Implication: God created you to know, trust, and love Him most of all.

3. God is holy and righteous.

- Scripture: Leviticus 19:2, 37; Deuteronomy 32:4; Romans 7:12
- Implication: God is holy and righteous. God's commands are holy and righteous. You must obey God's commands all the time.

4. Man is sinful.

- Scripture: Romans 3:10-18, 20, 23
- Implication: You have disobeyed God's commands. You are a sinner.

¹ Sally Michael, Jill Nelson, and Bud Burk. *Helping Your Children to Understand the Gospel*. (Truth78, 2009, 2011, 2019), 69.

5. God is just and is right to punish sin.

- Scripture: Isaiah 59:2; Romans 1:18; Romans 6:23a
- Implication: You deserve God's punishment of death and hell. You are helpless to save yourself.

6. God is merciful. He is kind to undeserving sinners.

- Scripture: Psalm 145:8; Ephesians 2:8-9
- Implication: You must depend on God's mercy in order to be saved.

7. Jesus is God's holy and righteous Son.

- Scripture: John 1:1; 1 Timothy 1:15
- Implication: Jesus came into the world to save you.

8. God put the punishment of sinners on Jesus so that His righteousness might be put on them.

- Scripture: Isaiah 53:5; Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24
- Implication: Jesus died on the cross to be punished in your place.

9. God offers the free gift of salvation to those who repent and believe in Jesus.

- Scripture: Mark 1:15; John 3:16-17; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8-9
- Implication: God tells you to believe in Jesus and repent of your sins and you will be saved.

10. Those who trust in Jesus will live to please Him and will receive the promise of eternal life—enjoying God forever in heaven.

- Scripture: Luke 9:23; John 11:25; 1 John 2:15; Psalm 16:11
- Implication: If you are trusting in Jesus for your salvation, you must follow Him. Jesus has promised that when you die He will bring you to heaven to live with and enjoy God forever.

Recommended Resources



[Helping Children to Understand the Gospel](#)

The essential truths in this resource are developed further in the booklet *Helping Children to Understand the Gospel* along with child-appropriate teaching of the truths. In addition, this booklet helps parents discern stages of spiritual growth and prepare the hearts of their children to hear the gospel (Truth78.org/products/helping-children-to-understand-the-gospel).

[The World Created, Fallen, Redeemed, and Restored](#)

This children's book has been written so that children (ages 6-10) might know and embrace the life-transforming truths of the gospel (Truth78.org/products/the-world-created-fallen-redeemed-and-restored).

[The Very Bad News & the Very Good News](#)

This simple gospel presentation uses the themes of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration to help young children (ages 4-7) un-

derstand and be able to explain to others the good news of the gospel ([Truth78.org/products/the-very-bad-news-the-very-good-news](https://truth78.org/products/the-very-bad-news-the-very-good-news)).

[Glorious God, Glorious Gospel: An Interactive Family Devotional](#)

A 15-chapter family devotional for parents to use with their children to ground them in the essential, foundational, and glorious truths of the gospel. To engage children in the study, student notebooks and coloring books are also available ([Truth78.org/collections/glorious-god-glorious-gospel](https://truth78.org/collections/glorious-god-glorious-gospel)).

[The Greatest Treasure and The Greatest Gift](#)

These full-color mini booklets have been designed to help children discover 10 essential truths of the gospel, progressively revealed and clearly explained, which lead them to see and understand that enjoying God forevermore is truly the greatest treasure/gift of all! While both booklets present the same 10 essential truths, *The Greatest Gift* is specially designed to be used at Christmas-time, helping children to see Jesus as the greatest gift ever given ([Truth78.org/collections/gospel-resources](https://truth78.org/collections/gospel-resources)).

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