

Sharing the Gospel

This is the whole reason we are at camp! The Gospel “is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes!” (Romans 1:16)

We want you to be ready to share the gospel and answer questions. One wonderful thing about sharing The Gospel is that when the time comes the Holy Spirit will give you the words to say and the wisdom to answer questions. However, we need to be ready by studying and practicing so that it is on our heart and mind.

Below are three ways that are helpful to explain the gospel. Study one of the ways and then take some time on your own to write down what the key elements of the gospel are and verses you would use when sharing the gospel. There is a list of verses below to help you.

When you are sharing the gospel with camper, it is of course helpful to know where they are at spiritual and to ask them about their familiarity with the gospel and what they believe about God, but for the sake of practicing now, just focus on what the main elements of the gospel are and what is required for salvation. Below is a spiritual timeline that you could show campers and have them tell you where they think they are at, which would be helpful for getting to know them during camp.

Two main things we want you to remember are that the Bible teaches that:

1. Repentance and faith are what God requires for salvation. *Mark 1:15 - “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”*
2. Salvation is a gift, not anything we can earn. *Ephesians 2:8-9 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Three possible ways of sharing the Gospel:

Three Circles Gospel Sharing: <https://byronbiblecamp.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/three-circles-gospel-sharing-leader-page.pdf>

Bridge Illustration: <https://youtu.be/wUJ4I6kEboQ>

Romans Road Verse: <https://youtu.be/d3L8VXjhTcw>

After you have written out the key elements of the Bible and some verses. Take some time to put something in your Bible that you can have ready this summer to help you share the gospel.

Witnessing Verses

Let the person read each verse out loud.

Then ask them **"What does this verse say or mean to you?"**

Exodus 20 - The Ten Commandments, use these verses if they do not recognize they are a sinner

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 1:15 "The time has come," Jesus said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

John 14:6-7 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well..."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Luke 13:3 | tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

Acts 20:21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

Romans 10:9-10 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Questions to ask after you have read the verses:

1. Do you believe you are a sinner?
2. Do you believe you will have to face God on judgment day?
3. Are you ready to repent (turn from sin and to God) of your sin?
4. Are you ready to put your faith in Jesus Christ, who was born of a virgin, is God's son, lived a sinless life, died on a cross and rose again?
5. Are you ready to pray, telling God you want to repent and put you faith in Jesus Christ? If they say yes, **let them pray.**

Point out where you think you are spiritually on the timeline.

What questions do you have?

What is your next step and what do you need to do to keep getting closer to God?

Rebellious toward God

Find myself seeking my own personal interests (Selfish and proud)

Interested in spiritual things

I want to repent of my sin and put my faith in Jesus Christ

I have repented of my sin and put my faith in Jesus Christ, but I don't know what to do next

Growing in my relationship with God

Seeking to love the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind and strength

Spending time daily doing devotions and seeking God in prayer

Serving and living for God faithfully

