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INTRODUCTION

This series of lessons is intended to be used as a reaping of the previous years of teaching the children God's Word. They are designed to truly make them "wise unto salvation" (2 Tim. 3:15), in the event they have not yet realized their personal need of God's Savior and salvation. The children's salvation should not be taken for granted, neither by them, nor by us. We should try to help them to be certain of their salvation.

The lessons spend adequate length to touch the seriousness of man's fall, of sin and death. As the lessons are given it is hoped that the children will not only be enlightened in their understanding, but will be brought into the conviction of the Holy Spirit (John 16:8-9) to be touched in their heart and conscience. Their response should be carefully noted while the lesson is being given. If it is noted that they seem to be unsure of their salvation or under conviction they should be helped immediately after the lesson to receive the Lord Jesus as their Savior.

These lessons have been developed from brother Eugene Gruhler's outlines for children's lessons.

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THE TRUTH AND EXPERIENCE OF SALVATION - SIXTH GRADE OVERVIEW

In the sixth grade we preach the gospel to the children. In a very detailed way, we give them two main points, two problems: sin and death. The Lord's death on the cross and His resurrection has taken care of both of these problems.

FOUR MONTHS GETTING THEM READY TO BE SAVED

We have four lessons on sin to convince them that they are sinners. This is a must. Then we have another month to convince them that they are dead in their trespasses and sins. After two months they are convinced that they are dead in their sins. Then we spend one month on how the Lord's death solves the problem of sin. Then we spend another month on how the Lord's resurrection releases life. That is four months spent getting them ready to be saved.

TWO MONTHS - EIGHT WAYS TO BE SAVED

Then we spend two months giving them eight ways to get saved. Four ways are related to sin and four ways are related to death. This is the goal we are after

TWO SERVING TOGETHER THAT EACH CHILD COULD BE DEFINITELY AND PERSONALLY SAVED

During this time two always serve together. It does not matter if there are only two kids, two workers are always there. One is giving the lesson and the other is watching the faces. You can tell what point touches what kid. They have a long period of time in the mornings so when the lesson is over and they turn to other things, the worker that was watching the faces, takes the ones that were touched into another room and leads them to be definitely and personally saved if they are ready. But usually when they are touched their eyes tear or something. You can tell when they are ready. Then we deal with them one by one and help them to be definitely saved. It is according to the point that they were touched on. There is a different point each week such as; you have to believe, receive, repent, and confess.

Each week a different point is covered, four ways related to sin and four ways related to death. During those eight weeks we are reaping the harvest of the last eight years. Everything that we have been doing is just for those eight weeks. They do it with a lot of prayer, desperation, and exercise. They can all be saved.

The preceding are the blending of briefly edited transcriptions of Gene Gruhler's sharings given in several localities.