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...during the lesson, invite children to a quiet location if they want to make a decision.

Making sure the child is ready for salvation:

Ask: I think I know why you came to talk to me; but, would you tell me?

Answers may vary from "I want to go to Heaven," "I have sinned," "I love Jesus," or "I don't know." If child says, "I don't know," encourage them to go back to class and you can talk more later.

Checking to see if the child has an understanding of the Gospel:

Ask: Can you tell me anything about the Wordless Book?

Allow the child to explain the Gospel to you. Don't expect perfection. Look for an understanding of sin and the need for Jesus to forgive them of their sin.

Allowing the child to personalize the need for a Savior:

Ask: Have you sinned? How have you sinned?

Show child **Romans 3:23** in your Bible.

If the child denies sin in their life, they are not ready to go further in this discussion. If the child can tell you about sin and personalize that they have sinned, you can continue with the conversation.

Ask: Who can forgive your sin?

Answer should be Jesus.

Ask: What did Jesus do for your sin?

Show child **Hebrews 9:22b** in your Bible.

Have child put their name in the sentence, "Jesus died for _____'s sin."

Ask: What happened after Jesus died for you?

Answer: "He rose again!" (**1 Corinthians 15:3b-4**)

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Say: In **Acts 16:31**, it says that if we believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ (point to the red page) you can be saved (dark page) from your sin (clean page).

Ask: Would you like to pray and ask Jesus to take away your sin?"

If a child says, "No," tell the child to continue to think about it through the week and and talk to you next week if they would like to.

If a child says, "Yes," say, "Why don't you pray and tell Jesus you have sinned, that you believe in Him, and that you need Him to forgive your sin."

Allow child to pray. If the child needs coaching with words, inform them that you will help them, but they need to remember they are talking to God and they need to really mean what they are saying.

Assurance of salvation:

Following the prayer, ask: What did Jesus just do for you?

Allow child to answer: "He saved me from my sin."

Ask: How do you know?

Allow child to answer: "The Bible tells me so."

Hebrews 13:5b teaches us that when we ask Jesus to be part of our lives, He will never leave us. Use your fingers (starting with your pinky) and say, "Jesus will never leave _____."

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