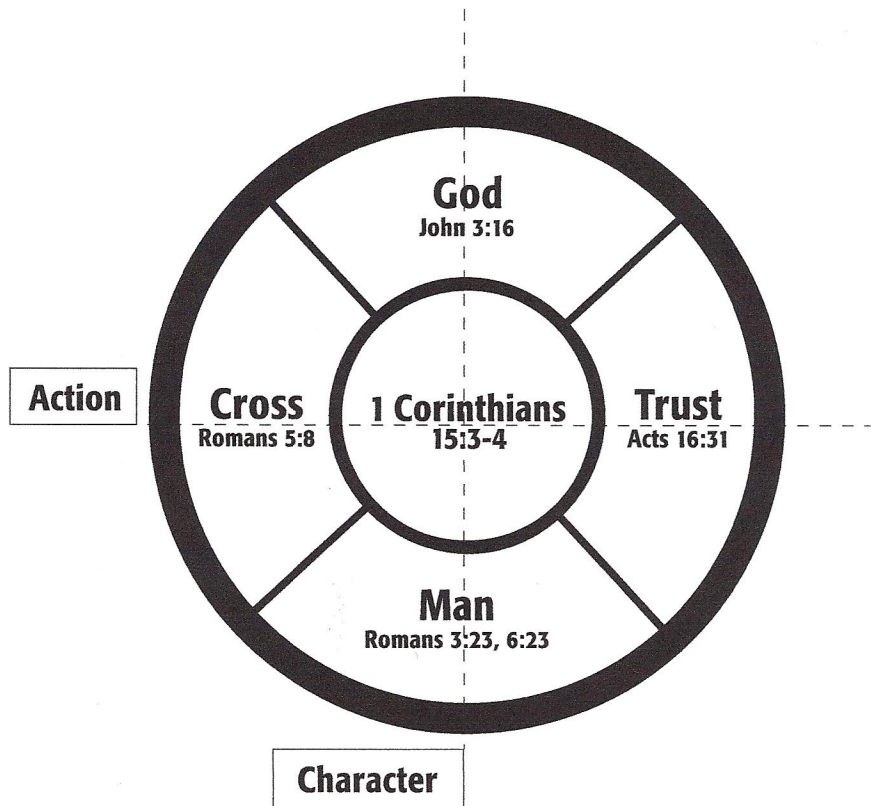


How to talk with a child about salvation using the Gospel Wheel



Awana has designed the Gospel Wheel as a tool you can use to lead a child to trust Christ as Savior.

Around the wheel are various starting points for a conversation about the gospel. At the top is God and His character. John 3:16 speaks of God's love for a lost world that culminated in the gift of Jesus.

At the opposite side of the wheel is the character of mankind. Romans 3:23 and 6:23 speak of the sinfulness of all human beings and the "wages" of eternal separation from God as a result.

On the left is God's response to this issue – Romans 5:8 – that even when we were helpless in our sinfulness and facing the penalty of it, God paid the price through the death of His son.

On the right is our response – to personally trust in Christ's payment to be sufficient for the forgiveness of our sin.

At the center of the wheel is 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, the essence of the gospel – that Jesus Christ died for the sin of the world and that he was buried, then rose again. Placing one's trust in this truth brings salvation.

When discussing these vital truths with a child, be sure to use Scripture. Look them up in a Bible and read them together; or if a child has memorized any of these verses, have him recite the verse. Ask questions to make sure the child understands the verse and the associated concept. Trust God's Word and the Holy Spirit to work in the child's heart.

Finally, get to the center of the wheel! Make sure the child has a full understanding of the essence of the gospel and is ready to put her trust in Jesus. Be careful that the child is genuinely making the decision for herself and not merely doing so to please you, the adult.

If the child is ready to accept the free gift of salvation, allow the child to pray in his own words.