

# ABC Counseling Card

1. I am so glad you came forward today. (smile)
2. Can you tell me why you came forward?
3. Have you ever done this before?
4. (If "no," continue...) I would like to talk with you about how you can make this decision whenever you are ready.

## God Loves You

God made a way for you to be together with Him forever and have eternal life. (Read John 3:16.) In order to receive eternal life, you must ABC:

- A** —**ADMIT** (Tell on yourself to God that you have sinned.)
1. Read Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23.
  2. Have you ever sinned?
  3. Can you name some sins you have done?
  4. How can your sins be forgiven?

- B** —**BELIEVE** (Believe that God's Son, Jesus, died for your sins and then rose from the dead.)
1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.
  2. Who is God's Son?
  3. What did Jesus do for our sins?
  4. What happened to Jesus after He died?

- C** —**CHOOSE** (Choose to receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord.)
1. Read Romans 10:13.
  2. How can you be together with God forever?
  3. What does it mean to choose Jesus as Savior? As Lord?
  4. After hearing this, what would you like to do today?

(Lead the child in a prayer using the ABCs ONLY if they are understanding the Gospel.)

"Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I am sorry for my sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for my sins and rose on the third day. Please forgive me of my sins and come into my life right now to be my Savior and Lord forever. Amen."

How do you know that you are forgiven?

1. Where is Jesus right now? (He is in your heart.)
2. Read John 1:12. (You are a child of God now.)
3. Read 1 John 5:13. (A person can know that they have eternal life because of the promise of God's Word.)
4. Read Hebrews 13:5. (Use 5 fingers to show God's promise to His children: "I-will-never-leave-you.")
5. Read John 10:28-29. (Use your fist to show how Jesus and God keep their people forever.)

Continue to grow in your faith now that you are forgiven.

1. Go to church.
2. Read the Bible.
3. Tell others about Jesus.
4. Pray.
5. Let Jesus be the Leader of your life every day.

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1. (Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead you.)
2. (Pray for God to speak through you.)
3. (Ask children to bow their heads and close their eyes. Continue to remind the children to keep their eyes closed and heads bowed because we do not want a “crowd effect”—children responding to the invitation simply because they see a lot of other children responding.)
4. Say to the children, “If you would like to accept Jesus as your Savior and Lord, please raise your hand.” (Stop and pray for those who raised their hands, that they would have the courage to respond to your invitation.)
5. After the prayer say, “If you raised your hand, please go to \_\_\_\_\_ so that we can talk with you more about your decision.” (Make sure you have a specified location for counseling before calling children to make a decision.)
6. (Have assigned counselors ready to counsel with their marked Bibles and Counseling Cards.)

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