

## ABC Counseling Card

All counseling should be with an open Bible in hand, and those who are counseling should take the time to look up the passages of Scripture and explain them as they go. Having a highlighted Bible makes the process go more smoothly.

Have the children look up the verses of Scripture from the ABC Counseling Card and then highlight the verses in their Bibles. When they look up the first verse, highlight it with a yellow highlighter, then, at the bottom of that page, write the page number where the next verse is found in their Bible. Guide your children through the following steps:

- Have preteens turn to John 3:16, and highlight the verse. Then, have them write the page number for Romans 3:23 at the bottom of this page.
- Highlight Romans 3:23, and then write the page number for Romans 6:23 at the bottom of this page.
- Highlight Romans 6:23, and then write the page number for 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 at the bottom of the page.
- Highlight 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, and then write the page number for Romans 10:13 at the bottom of the page.
- Highlight Romans 10:13, and then write the page number for 1 John 3:24 at the bottom of the page.
- Highlight 1 John 3:24, and then write the page number for John 1:12 at the bottom of the page.
- Highlight John 1:12, and then write the page number for 1 John 5:13 at the bottom of the page.
- Highlight 1 John 5:13, and then write the page number for Hebrews 13:5 at the bottom of the page.
- Highlight Hebrews 13:5, and then write the page number for John 10:28-29 at the bottom of the page.
- Highlight John 10:28-29.

### **Role Playing/Practicing Before Sending Them Out**

Give the children time to practice counseling with each other in your group using their marked Bibles and ABC Counseling Cards.

- Pay close attention to each child as they share, and give positive feedback.
- Make suggestions for how to say things better or how to respond to the other person's comments or questions if they need help.
- Remind the L.I.T.s to pray for God's guidance before sharing with a lost person in real life.
- Remind them to listen to the Holy Spirit for discernment.

**If at any point** you do not feel the child is understanding the Gospel, stop counseling. Explain the Gospel to them and how they can make a choice in the future whenever they are ready because God will listen to them. Lead the child back to the main group.

**Important Note:** *The notes in parentheses are for counselors to read silently and follow.*

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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. Let's read Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23.
2. Have you ever sinned?
3. Can you name some sins you have done?
4. How do you feel about the sins you have done? Please explain.
5. 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. I'm going to read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.
2. Who is God's Son?
3. What did Jesus do for people's sins?
4. What happened to Jesus after He died?

**C—CHOOSE** Choose to receive Jesus as Lord—Boss—and Savior—Forgiver.

1. Let's look at what Romans 10:13 says.
2. How can you be together with God forever?
3. What does it mean to choose Jesus as Boss?
4. (Explain that this decision is a lifetime commitment. Discuss ways this decision will impact their everyday life.)
5. 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 sinning. 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 Boss and Savior forever. I want to always follow You as my Leader. Amen."**

**How can you know that you are forgiven?**

1. Where is Jesus right now? (Read 1 John 3:24. Explain that He lives in them now and forever.)
2. Let's read John 1:12. (Explain how a person becomes a child of God.)
3. Now I'm going to read 1 John 5:13. It tells us that a person can know for certain that they have eternal life.
4. The next verse is Hebrews 13:5. (Use 5 fingers to show God's promise to His children: "I-will-never-leave-you.")
5. Now I'll read John 10:28-29. (Use your fist to show how Jesus and God keep their children forever.)

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(Can also ask): Thinking about what the speaker just said, what would you like to talk about now?

(Continue with this card ONLY if you sense the child is wanting to discuss Gospel concepts or accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. Otherwise, answer the child's questions and guide them back to the main group.)

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

- \* Go to church
- \* Read the Bible
- \* Tell others about Jesus
- \* Pray
- \* Let Jesus be the Leader of your life every day