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**Purposeful Parenting**  
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## Sharing the Gospel with our Kids: a GC2 Movement

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Did you know that the world's largest unreached people group is living in NWA? They are even living in many of our homes. They're children! Almost half of the world's population is under the age of 20. So Christ's command to "go and make disciples" begins at home.

During the month of January, all 4th-6th grade Mosaic students walked through a series answering the question, "What is the Gospel?" (See audio/video resources below.) We looked at 4 topics, God, Man, Christ, and Response. An appropriate understanding of the gospel starts with an appropriate worldview, including an accurate Biblical perspective on these four basic topics. As Mosaic Ministry Staff, we invite you, parents, to be on the same page with us, so that what we teach your kids each weekend reinforces what they are already learning at home from you. The list of steps below is just one of many tools available for helping parents instruct their kids in Biblical worldview and Gospel understanding. If you have others that you'd like to share, send them to us - we'd love to share with Mosaic families!

**Step 1: PRAY.** Ask God to give you the words to say. Ask Him to make your child receptive to His gospel.

**Step 2: TALK.** Engage in conversation with your kids about the following:

**GOD** created all things for his glory (Isaiah 43:7). Discuss what it means that God is a creator. What does giving God glory look like (Ephesians 1:6)?

**MAN** is created to have a heart that values God above everything. Much of the time, however, we choose not to value him above everything, and instead, we sin. Man is guilty of sin, and guilty of preferring created things over the glory of God (Romans 1:21-23). God's punishment of sin is just (Romans 3:23 & 6:23).

**CHRIST** died as a substitute for me. When God opens my eyes to understand that I deserve death but Christ took my punishment for me, I have the opportunity to turn away from sin and enjoy all the blessings that Christ's death achieved. We call this "repentance."

The following list sums up a few of the incredible things accomplished by Christ's death on the cross. Try reading through these concepts and corresponding verses with your kids, and then having them rewrite them so that they could explain it to their peers.

### **Christ's death:**

- i) Absorbed the wrath of God on our behalf. Gal. 3:13
- ii) Bore our sins and purchased our forgiveness. 1 Pet. 2:24
- iii) Provided a perfect righteousness for us. Rom. 5:19
- iv) Defeated death. Heb. 2:14
- v) Disarmed Satan. Col. 2:14
- vi) Purchased perfect healing for his believers. Is. 53:4
- vii) Secured for us eternal fellowship with him. 1 Peter 3:18

**RESPONSE:** Every person must respond to the gospel. We either choose to receive Christ's gift and hold him as supremely valuable, or we do not. There is no third option. Discuss this clearly and gently with your kids. A word of reminder to us as parents, as Matt Chandler says in Explicit

Gospel, "Heaven is not a place for those who are afraid of hell; it's a place for those who love God... but you cannot scare people into loving God. You just can't do it" (49). We aren't here to intimidate our kids into making the right choice about salvation, rather to support, encourage, and teach them on their own personal journey to discovering Truth, trusting the Spirit to work in their hearts, just as He has worked in our own.

**Step 3: PRAY.** We can lead our children well, and teach them truth, and bring them around Godly people, and still, at the end of the day, we know that our hands can't make it happen. What God has given us, however, is a powerful voice in prayer (Mark 11:24), and so ask God to move in your kids' lives. God's in the business of making stone hearts flesh (Ezekiel 36:26).

*Mosaic Family Ministries has a place for you to serve, and play a part in reaching students with the gospel! Contact [manewman@fellowshipnwa.org](mailto:manewman@fellowshipnwa.org) to find your place in Christ's "go and make" movement.*

## Resources

### Audio

[The Gospel for 11 Year Olds](#)

### Music

[A Gospel song for Children](#)

[The Village Church's Glorious Day](#) - the chorus is the gospel!

### Books and Other Reading

[Leading your Child to Jesus](#)

by David Staal

[Leading Little Ones to God](#) by Marian Schoolland

[10 Essential Truths](#)

[Mosaic GC2 Core values](#)

### Gospel Crafts

[Salvation Bracelets](#)

[How to make a wordless book](#)

## What's Happening?

### Calendar of Events: February

February 4th: **Cell Worship**, Mosaic Students 7th-12th grade. 6:30-8:30 pm, Student Center

February 7th: **Next Gen Night**, Students 7th-12th grade will worship with their families at 5:00 and 6:45 pm in the Worship Center.

February 7th: **Parent Child Dedication**

February 7th: **Mosaic Student Leaders Training**, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Student Center Central.

February 7th: **Panorama of the Bible**, 3:00 pm, Student Center Central.

February 11th, 18th & 25th: **Mosaic Students Townhouses**, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

February 14th: **Colorado Springs Mission Trip Training**, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm.

February 21st: **Junior High Student Event**, 10:00 am-6:00 pm

*We're having an event open to any 7th & 8th grade student. No cost, lunch provided.*

February 27th - Sunday, Mar. 1st: **BLAST**, 5th & 6th Grade Retreat at New Life Ranch

### March Mission Trips:

Colorado Springs, March 21-27

Guatemala, March 22-28

Springdale, March 24-29

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Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

- Deuteronomy 6:7