

The Gospel Hand

The most important truth you can teach your kids is how to get to heaven! Lori Preshaw, a good friend of ours from Colorado, developed a way for young children to remember the basic gospel (or good news) message. It is called the gospel hand, and each finger represents one important truth about salvation. **Don't overlook doing this. It is easy, quick, cute, and has eternal value!**



She made up a catchy little song (to the tune of "The Muffin Man") to teach these truths to the children.

Our church teaches it in Sunday school, and our kids sing it all the time.

- To hear it, go to www.premeditatedparenting.net/downloads/gospel_hand_song.mp3.
- To print off the lyrics, go to www.premeditatedparenting.net/downloads/98_gospel_hand_song_lyrics.pdf.

The kids wiggle each finger as they say or sing each of the following truths. (The kids don't quote the verses. They are there for your reference.)

God Loves Me

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (NIV)

I Have Sinned

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (NIV)

Christ Died for Me

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NIV)

If I Believe

Acts 16:31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household." (NIV)

I Will Go to Heaven

1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (NIV)

They point to nail scar on their wrist or hand as they wrap it up with the last truth:

I Am God's Child

John 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (NIV)