



Weaving the Gospel

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14)

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Weaving the Gospel is a strategy that allows you to explain the SIX POINTS of the Gospel in the context of a Bible passage. This allows you to see the message of salvation throughout the Bible.

Using the Bible Passage "***Two Thieves on the Cross,***" you can share each point of the Gospel Outline.

- What does this Bible Passage tell us about GOD? LIFE? SIN? JESUS? FAITH? DECISION?
- You will find an explanation of this passage, *Two Thieves on the Cross*, in this document.

As your group gains confidence, they will want to choose Bible passages that personally relate to them.

- For example, what passage might we use for a person who wonders, "How can I receive eternal life?" The story of Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3) is perfect! See the example in this document.
- For a person who is rebelling against God, share "The Lost/Prodigal Son" (Luke 15). See the example in this document.
- Choose other passages and write your own "Weave."

Become comfortable with "**Weaving the Gospel.**" It is a simple yet powerful tool that allows you to share the Gospel message with the people around you who need to understand God's Word and how it relates personally to them.

This document shares samples that are found in our **Ten Core Gospel Lessons**.

You can find these FREE Gospel Lessons on our website and download them.

GOD – LIFE – SIN – JESUS – FAITH - DECISION

Weave the Gospel Nicodemus Meets Jesus (John 3:1-18, 36)

Creative Introduction: There was an intelligent and respected leader in the Bible who met Jesus one night. His name was Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a teacher of the law, and a very good man.

Jesus shared some good news with him – news that would last for eternity! May I share with you ...?

Share **Nicodemus Meets Jesus** Bible Passage.

Using the Bible Passage, what can you share about **GOD? LIFE? SIN? JESUS? FAITH? DECISION?**

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GOD: God knew Nicodemus' heart. He created Nicodemus and wanted a relationship with him. God created all things and He created you and me. He loved Nicodemus and He loves you very much. God says in His Word, "*In the beginning, God created ...*"

God created Nicodemus – and us – to have eternal life.

LIFE: Eternal life is having a forever relationship with God. Jesus knew Nicodemus' good works. He knew his knowledge and ability as a leader and teacher of the law. But just like with us, eternal life is a gift, not something we work for or deserve. The Bible says, "*The wages of sin is death; but the gift ...*" (Romans 6:23).

SIN: Although Nicodemus was a good man, he was a sinner. The Bible says, "*For all have sinned and ...*" (Romans 3:23). Sin separates us from God. But God solved our sin problem by sending His Son Jesus.

JESUS: So Nicodemus hears from Jesus. Jesus' response to Nicodemus is profound ... You must be born again! John 3:16 explains this: "*For God so loved the world ...*" Jesus is our Creator God. He came from ...

FAITH: To be "born again" Nicodemus had to believe and that requires faith. Faith is trusting Jesus alone for eternal life. Nicodemus could not trust himself with all of his knowledge and good deeds. Neither can I. Neither can you. Jesus said, "*I am the way and ...*" (John 14:6).

DECISION: God's gift of eternal life can be yours by deciding to trust Jesus. Be "born again" of the Spirit. God's Word says, "*Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved*" (Acts 16:31). Will you repent of your sins? Are you ready to turn from YOUR WAY to GOD'S WAY? Choose now to trust Jesus and receive His gift of eternal life.

THE GOSPEL

GOD

GOD is our Creator who loves us with an everlasting love.

Genesis 1:1 and 1:27

God created us to have ETERNAL LIFE.

LIFE

ETERNAL LIFE is having a forever relationship with God.

Romans 6:23

But we have a problem called SIN.

SIN

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Romans 3:23

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JESUS

JESUS is our Creator God.

He came from Heaven to earth. He lived a perfect life that you and I cannot live. Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. He was buried and He rose from the dead. Jesus is in Heaven now offering us the gift of eternal life. And Jesus will someday return again.

John 3:16-17

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Acts 16:31

Do you know Jesus the way I have shared with you?

Would you like to trust Jesus for your eternal life?

Weave the Gospel
The Lost Son (Luke 15:11-24)

Creative Introduction: Discuss inheritances. Have you ever received something from someone who has died? Share an inheritance that you or someone you know has received. Then introduce this Bible Passage, a parable (story) told by Jesus to explain the inheritance God has for us.

Share or read **The Lost Son**.

Using the Bible Passage, what can you share about **GOD? LIFE? SIN? JESUS? FAITH? DECISION?**

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GOD: In this Bible Passage, the father loved his sons; and it was a forever love – the love God has for us.

LIFE: The father had more for his sons than what they needed for right then. He had an inheritance for them. It was everything they needed and it would last forever.

SIN: But the younger son wanted to leave and take his inheritance early. So, his father allowed him to do so. The son went off, went his OWN WAY, and spent all that his father had given him. His life was not pleasing to his father – He was living in sin.

JESUS: The son realized that the way he was living was wrong. He wanted to go back to his father. So, he decided to take the way – the road – that led back to his father and ask his father for forgiveness. Just like with us, there is only one road – one way. Jesus said, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* (John 14:6)

FAITH: The son knew that what he did was wrong – living life HIS WAY. And he trusted that his father would take him back. He realized that there was so much more that his father wanted to give to him. He realized that his father's love was a forever love and that his father's inheritance was beyond the things of this world. It was forever. And it was a gift from his father.

DECISION: So the son took the road back to his father. His father saw him coming and even ran to him! What a joy it was for both of them! And what a blessing it was to the son – to know his father's love and to be with him forever.

This is how it is with God. God loves you with an everlasting love! Would you like to trust His Son Jesus and receive His gift of eternal life?

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Weave the Gospel
Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus' House
(Luke 19:1-10)

Creative Introduction: Use a pebble or coin. Write MY WAY on one side and GOD'S WAY on the other. Use this object to begin conversations with others: "Which WAY do you live your life? May I share with you a passage from the Bible that tells of a rich man – a tax collector – who met Jesus and then chose to live his life GOD'S WAY?"

Share **Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus' House**.

Using the Bible Passage, what can you share about **GOD? LIFE? SIN? JESUS? FAITH? DECISION?**

Add the scriptures (PROOF) and personalize it.

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**GOD:** Just like all of us, God loved Zacchaeus. He created him, loved him and wanted Zacchaeus to be with Him forever.

**LIFE:** Zacchaeus was excited to see Jesus. Others complained saying Jesus had gone to be a guest in a sinners' house. They didn't know Jesus had other plans. Jesus wanted Zacchaeus to know Him and to change his heart. Jesus would give Zacchaeus eternal life.

**SIN:** But Zacchaeus had a sin problem. As a tax collector, he had kept more than he should have. Zacchaeus admitted his guilt and offered to give half of his possessions to the poor and to give back four times as much as he had defrauded others. Jesus knew his heart and his giving back was more than he had taken. Zacchaeus was not trying to buy eternal life by these actions. It was his heart change that Jesus knew had occurred. Zacchaeus did not want to do things HIS WAY anymore. He wanted to go GOD'S WAY! Jesus said that He had come to seek and to save that which was lost. Have you asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins?

**JESUS:** Zacchaeus met Jesus, face to face. Can you imagine the guilt he must have felt? He had sin in his life, yet he now knew that all the things he had heard about Jesus were true. And that Jesus came to forgive sin.

**FAITH:** Zacchaeus admitted his sin by his actions and asked Jesus for forgiveness. Zacchaeus trusted Jesus for forgiveness and eternal life.

**DECISION:** Zacchaeus made a decision to begin a new life with God. The Bible says, "*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.*" (Acts 16:31)

Are you trusting Jesus? He loves you with an everlasting love!

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## Gospel Weave Two Thieves on the Cross (Luke 23:32-43)

**Creative Introduction:** Have you ever thought that God could never forgive you? Tell me about it.

No matter what your life circumstances are, God loves you and desires to have an eternal relationship with you. Jesus even shows us His love for a criminal hanging on a cross next to Him.

Using the Bible Passage *Two Thieves on the Cross*, share each POINT of the Gospel Outline. What does the Bible Passage tell us about **GOD? LIFE? SIN? JESUS?**

**FAITH? DECISION?**

Below is an example. You will want to add the scriptures (PROOF) and personalize it — Make it your own.

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**GOD:** At the Crucifixion, two thieves hung on a cross like Jesus. Like us, the Bible teaches that each of these thieves was created by God.

**LIFE:** Also like us, these thieves were created to be eternal. In short, they were soon going to face judgment and have an eternity in Heaven or Hell.

**SIN:** God's Word tells us that sin causes God's punishment to be upon us. So like the thieves, we too are going to face a judgment.

**JESUS:** Yet because of His great love for us, God punished Christ on the Cross for all sin. It is through our trust in Christ that we can have forgiveness for our sin debt.

**FAITH:** This trust is what is called faith. Faith is believing that Jesus alone is the reason we have the ability to have eternal life in Heaven.

**DECISION:** Going back to the two thieves, there was a time when both of the men mocked Jesus. But at one point, one of the thieves made a decision to recognize Jesus as God.

The promise that happened next is the cornerstone of our faith. The thief would never have an opportunity to do anything to earn God's favor. Jesus still looked at him and said, *"Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."* (Luke 23:43)

Do you know Jesus the way I have shared with you? Would you like to trust Jesus for your eternal life?

### THE GOSPEL

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## Weave the Gospel

### The Way, the Truth, the Life (John 14:1-6)

**Creative Introduction:** Share the context/setting of John 14:1-6. You can choose a group of boys to be Jesus' disciples. Give one of them (Thomas) verse 5 to read. When you read verse 6, emphasize "the way, the truth, the LIFE."

Tell or read slowly (with explanations) John 14:1-6. God's Word tells us what it means to trust Jesus. What would you do if you had been right there with Jesus?

Using the Bible Passage, what can you share about **GOD? LIFE? SIN? JESUS? FAITH? DECISION?**

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GOD: This Bible Passage tells us about how much God loves us. God sent Jesus to remind us that He will prepare a place in Heaven for us! Can you imagine already having a home in Heaven? What do you think Heaven will be like? Think about what the Bible tells us. God created us and He loves us with an everlasting love. The Bible says, "In the beginning, God created ..." and "God created man (us) in His own image." He wants us to be in Heaven with Him someday.

LIFE: God's love isn't just for now – for this life. It's forever. That's His gift to us, eternal life, because of His everlasting love for us. He is willing to be there every moment of every day in our life. Most important, He is willing and wanting to have a forever relationship with us.

SIN: There's one thing that keeps us from having a forever relationship with God – sin. When I think about what separates me from God. I think about my attitude - I can do it; I'm smart enough; I'm strong enough; I can handle this. But just like the disciples with Jesus, I was afraid that I couldn't take care of myself FOREVER.

JESUS: Can you imagine what you'd be thinking if Jesus were right here telling you about Heaven? Jesus, the Creator of the universe, gave us His Word, the Bible that tells us so much about eternal, forever life. Jesus is our Creator God ... (continue Jesus POINT).

FAITH: Jesus wants us to trust Him for more than THIS life. Just like the disciples, He wants us to recognize Him as Creator, as our Savior and Lord (Leader of our lives).

DECISION: By deciding to trust Jesus, we can have a forever relationship with God, here on earth and forever in Heaven. He will be with us every moment of our lives. Our greatest joy is that we will always be with God, and He will always be with us, if we trust Jesus for our eternal life.

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Weave the Gospel
Parable of Wise and Foolish Builders
(Luke 6:46-49)

Creative Introduction: Make two circles on the ground in the dirt; or place your feet side by side with space between. One is the rock. The other is shifting soil.

Discuss: Have you ever lived in a home that was not built on solid ground? Or have you ever stood on shifting soil? What's the risk? What could happen?

The same is true with our lives. The Bible tells us to build our life on the rock. Then it will last forever.

May I share with you a passage from the Bible that tells us of the rock-solid foundation to build our lives on?

Share or read **Parable of Wise and Foolish Builders**.

Using the Bible Passage, what can you share about **GOD? LIFE? SIN? JESUS? FAITH? DECISION?**

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**GOD:** God is the rock. He is your Creator. He loves you and His greatest desire is for you to build your life on Him. This is life forever, eternally.

**LIFE:** It's not our own work and goodness that creates the firm foundation. Actually our work is like shifting soil compared to the Rock ... God. The firm foundation can only be God! He offers us Himself and His ways.

**SIN:** For many years I chose to build life MY WAY (move both feet to the place that stands for shifting soil) on shifting soil, a shaky foundation, not on the rock. This rebellion, wanting to build life MY WAY, is sin. Sin separated me from God, just as it separates anyone from God.

**JESUS:** Then someone told me about Jesus. Jesus is our Creator God. He came from ...

**FAITH:** Trusting Jesus for our eternal life is like moving our life from the shifting soil onto the rock. (Move both feet to the place that stands for the rock.) By placing our trust in Jesus, we receive God's gift of eternal life.

**DECISION:** Are you ready to make a decision to build your life on the rock-solid foundation that lasts forever? Would you like to trust Jesus for your eternal life? Are you ready to give up YOUR WAY and go GOD'S WAY?

**THE GOSPEL**

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## **Weave the Gospel Creation to Salvation (Genesis 1-2:3)**

**Creative Introduction:** Has anyone ever told you that God loves you?

The Bible begins with "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." God did not NEED to create the heavens and the earth, and you and me. He CHOSE to do this. Why? Because God is love, and love is best expressed toward something and someone else. So, God created the universe and people as His expression of love. God loves us!

Read or summarize **The Creation** passage from the Bible.

Using the Bible Passage, what can you share about **GOD? LIFE? SIN? JESUS? FAITH? DECISION?**

Below is an example. You will want to add the scriptures (PROOF) and personalize it — Make it your own.

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**GOD:** The Bible begins with God and tells us how He created everything. Everything includes us! God created us because He loves us. Why does God love us? Because God IS love! And because of His love, He created us to have eternal life.

**LIFE:** Eternal life is having a forever relationship with God. God's love is not just for now – It's forever! This is a personal relationship with our Creator. God, the Creator of the universe, loves you and me with an everlasting love.

**SIN:** There is one thing that separates us from God and that is sin. Although God created a perfect place for us, and made us in His image, we have a sin nature – a desire to live our lives OUR WAY, not GOD'S WAY.

**JESUS:** God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to live the perfect life that we cannot live. JESUS is our Creator God. He came from Heaven to ... (continue)

**FAITH:** When we trust Jesus, we receive God's gift of eternal life. We are His forever – to be loved by Him and cared for by Him forever!

**DECISION:** Does this make sense to you? Are you ready to make a decision to trust Jesus alone and receive eternal life? God created you BECAUSE He loves you. Will you accept His love and belong to Him? The Bible says that when you trust Jesus, you are a new creation! And you belong to Him forevermore.

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## Weave the Gospel: Using Your Personal Testimony as the PICTURE (example)

**Introduction:** Who is God to you? Do you know that God loves you? May I share some great news with you?

### **GOD**

POINT: GOD is our Creator who loves us with an everlasting love.

PROOF: *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" and "God created man in His own image." (Genesis 1:1 and 1:27)*

**PICTURE: Share your relationship to God. He is our Creator. Share His love for His creation which includes each one of us.**

PROCEED: God created us to have ETERNAL LIFE.

### **LIFE**

POINT: ETERNAL LIFE is having a forever relationship with God.

PROOF: *"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)*

**PICTURE: Share your earlier understanding or lack of understanding of eternal life and God's desire to have a forever relationship with you.**

PROCEED: But we have a problem called SIN.

### **SIN**

POINT: SIN is doing things our way, not God's way.

PROOF: *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)*

**PICTURE: Share example(s) of how you chose to live your way, not God's way.**

PROCEED: God's solution to our sin problem is JESUS.

### **JESUS**

POINT: JESUS is our Creator God. He came from Heaven to earth. He lived a perfect life that you and I can't live.

Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. He was buried and He rose from the dead. Jesus is in Heaven now offering us the free gift of eternal life. And Jesus will someday return again.

PROOF: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:16-17)*

**PICTURE: Share how you came to know Jesus: Who Jesus is and what He did for you.**

PROCEED: We receive God's gift of eternal life by FAITH.

### **FAITH**

POINT: FAITH is trusting Jesus for eternal life.

PROOF: *"Jesus said, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.'"* (John 14:6)

**PICTURE: Share when you trusted Jesus and/or what it means to you to trust Jesus for eternal life. Contrast with what you were trusting in prior to salvation.**

PROCEED: God's gift of eternal life can be yours by DECIDING to trust Jesus.

### **DECISION**

POINT: DECIDING to trust Jesus is the only way to have eternal life.

PROOF: *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..." (Acts 16:31)*

**PICTURE: Share how this has been the greatest decision in your life. Share the benefits that you have personally experienced (beginning with knowing for sure you have eternal life).**

PROCEED: Do you know Jesus the way I have shared with you? Would you like to trust Jesus for your eternal life? (Pray together)

## Weave the Gospel: Personal Worksheet

Write your personal testimony as the PICTURE for each POINT of the Gospel Outline.

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### **GOD**

POINT: GOD is our Creator who loves us with an everlasting love.

PROOF: *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" and "God created man in His own image." (Genesis 1:1 and 1:27)*

### **PICTURE:**

PROCEED: God created us to have ETERNAL LIFE.

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PROOF: *"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)*

### **PICTURE:**

PROCEED: But we have a problem called SIN.

### **SIN**

POINT: SIN is doing things our way, not God's way.

PROOF: *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)*

### **PICTURE:**

PROCEED: God's solution to our sin problem is JESUS.

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PROOF: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:16-17)*

### **PICTURE:**

PROCEED: We receive God's gift of eternal life by FAITH.

### **FAITH**

POINT: FAITH is trusting Jesus for eternal life.

PROOF: *"Jesus said, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.'"* (John 14:6)

### **PICTURE:**

PROCEED: God's gift of eternal life can be yours by DECIDING to trust Jesus.

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POINT: DECIDING to trust Jesus is the only way to have eternal life.

PROOF: *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved ..." (Acts 16:31)*

### **PICTURE:**

PROCEED: Do you know Jesus the way I have shared with you? Would you like to trust Jesus for your eternal life? (Pray together)

## Weave the Gospel: Using Scripture Meaning as the PICTURE (example)

### **GOD**

**POINT:** GOD is our Creator who loves us with an everlasting love.

**PROOF:** (The Bible says) *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" and "God created man in His own image." (Genesis 1:1 and 1:27)*

**PICTURE:** God created us. He loves us beyond anything we can or have experienced. His love is unconditional – He loves because He IS love. And we are His creation!

**PROCEED:** God created us to have ETERNAL LIFE.

### **LIFE**

**POINT:** ETERNAL LIFE is having a forever relationship with God.

**PROOF:** (God's Word says) "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

**PICTURE:** If you loved someone beyond measure, wouldn't you want to be with them ... forever? That's how God is. His heart's desire is to be with us forever in a loving, caring relationship. He is the God of the universe and He cares about you and me. Can we do anything to work our way to Him? NO. Scripture says eternal life is a gift, not something we can work for or deserve.

**PROCEED:** But we have a problem called SIN.

### **SIN**

**POINT:** SIN is doing things our way, not God's way.

**PROOF:** (The Bible says) "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

**PICTURE:** You and me ... Yes, we are sinners – our thoughts, words and actions that do not please God. Or it may be something we know we should do, but choose not to do. Actually, the truth is that we have a rebellious nature and we want to live life OUR WAY. That's sin. And sin separates us from God.

**PROCEED:** God's solution to our sin problem is JESUS.

### **JESUS**

**POINT:** JESUS is our Creator God. He came from Heaven to earth. He lived a perfect life that you and I can't live. Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. He was buried and He rose from the dead. Jesus is in Heaven now offering us the free gift of eternal life. And Jesus will someday return again.

**PROOF:** (God's Word tells us) "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:16-17)

**PICTURE:** This says it all—God so loves you and me that He sent His Son Jesus, to pay the penalty for your sin, and for my sin. Jesus did all that needed to be done. There is nothing that you and I can add to it. God's gift of eternal life is truly a gift, paid in full through Christ Jesus.

**PROCEED:** We receive God's gift of eternal life by FAITH.

### **FAITH**

**POINT:** FAITH is trusting Jesus for eternal life.

**PROOF:** "Jesus said, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.'" (John 14:6)

**PICTURE:** The world thinks of many ways to God. Some believe in good works – going to church, praying, helping those in need. But God's way is to trust Jesus. Jesus IS the way, the truth and the life – eternal life, forever with God.

**PROCEED:** God's gift of eternal life can be yours by DECIDING to trust Jesus.

### **DECISION**

**POINT:** DECIDING to trust Jesus is the only way to have eternal life.

**PROOF:** (God promises us) "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved ..." (Acts 16:31)

**PICTURE:** Believe – lean with your whole self. You and I don't need to add anything to this. Trust in the Lord Jesus who died for your sins, who is ready to forgive you and give you a new way to go if you are ready to repent. Turn from YOUR WAY to GOD'S WAY and receive His wonderful gift of eternal life.

**PROCEED:** Do you know Jesus the way I have shared with you? Would you like to trust Jesus for your eternal life? (Pray together)

## Weave the Gospel: Using Objects to Share the Gospel

MATERIALS: Heart, Gift Bag or Box, Sin List and Cross (See drawings on next page.)

**Introduction:** Who is God to you? Do you know that God loves you? May I share some great news with you?

### **GOD**

POINT: GOD is our Creator who loves us with an everlasting love.

PROOF: *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" and "God created man in His own image." (Genesis 1:1 and 1:27)*

PICTURE: Large Heart

PROCEED: God created us to have ETERNAL LIFE.

### **LIFE**

POINT: ETERNAL LIFE is having a forever relationship with God.

PROOF: *"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)*

PICTURE: Gift

PROCEED: But we have a problem called SIN.

### **SIN**

POINT: SIN is doing things our way, not God's way.

PROOF: *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)*

PICTURE: Sin List

PROCEED: God's solution to our sin problem is JESUS.

### **JESUS**

POINT: JESUS is our Creator God. He came from Heaven to earth. He lived a perfect life that you and I can't live. Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. He was buried and He rose from the dead. Jesus is in Heaven now offering us the free gift of eternal life. And Jesus will someday return again.

PROOF: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:16-17)*

PICTURE: Large Cross

PROCEED: We receive God's gift of eternal life by FAITH.

### **FAITH**

POINT: SAVING FAITH is trusting Jesus for eternal life.

PROOF: *Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)*

PICTURE: Put Cross on top of Heart. Put Sin List behind Heart; Put Gift next to Cross

PROCEED: God's gift of eternal life can be yours by DECIDING to trust Jesus.

### **DECISION**

POINT: DECIDING to trust Jesus is the only way to have eternal life.

PROOF: *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved ..." (Acts 16:31)*

PICTURE: Offer them the Gift.

PROCEED: Do you know Jesus the way I have shared with you? Would you like to trust Jesus for your eternal life?



