

THE FOURFOLD GOSPEL

It's all about Jesus. The Old and New Testament point to who He is and what He is about. The purpose of our being saved, sanctified, and healed is so that we can have a relationship with our heavenly father, our eternal King, and serve with Him and beside Him as heirs to His Kingdom.



SAVIOR

He saves us from being eternally separated from God.

Sanctifier

As we walk with Him, He grows us to look more like Himself.

Healer

He heals us spiritually by dying on the cross for our sins. He can also heal us physically and emotionally.

COMING KING

He will soon come again to bring His heavenly Kingdom to earth. We are also expanding His Kingdom now to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

How do we use it?

Every 4-6 Room or 1st-5th Grade Children's Church lesson will have a section that looks like this (below). Walking through each part of the fourfold Gospel helps kids see Jesus in every story. This should be weaved into the lesson or be naturally brought into the reflection of the lesson.

THE FOURFOLD GOSPEL APPLICATION

It is essential that children understand that the Bible is one seamless plan of redemption for humanity. By helping children identify the Fourfold Gospel in each lesson, they can develop a deeper understanding of God's plan that is clear throughout His word.



In this lesson, the promise of a **SAVIOR** is fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.



The birth of Jesus gives us all parts of the fourfold Gospel, including **SANCTIFIER**. His life, death, and resurrection fulfill the promises of Genesis.



Jesus is also our **HEALER**. When Jesus was born, it was the beginning of lasting healing, both physical and spiritual healing.



The birth of Jesus fulfills the promise of the **COMING KING**. His life on earth points to an eternal time when He will reign as King forever.

THE WORDLESS BOOK

What does it look like to be a part of God's big story? The Wordless Book is a great tool in children's ministry that we use to help kids understand the big picture of the Gospel and their part in it.

GOD IS THE KING

who loves us, and we disobeyed him.

Psalms 47:2

WE SINNED.

But God had a plan.

Romans 3:23

GOD GAVE HIS SON

Jesus to die for our sins.

John 3:16

WHEN WE REPENT

and choose God's way
instead of our own way,

1 John 1:8-9

GOD MAKES US CLEAN

by Jesus' blood and gives us His Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 2:8-9

WHEN WE WALK WITH GOD

every day in a relationship with Him,

Mark 12:30

GOD GROWS OUR HEARTS

He gives us the fruits of the spirit
so that others can see His light in us.

Galatians 5:22-23

How do we use it?

Every 4-6 Room or 1st-5th Grade Children's Church lesson will have a section that looks like this (below). Weaving this naturally into the reflection time, can help kids see Jesus and their part in the big story through every lesson. For example, in this lesson (below) it would be important to point out the red page of the wordless book and remind kids that Jesus is the savior of the world, and that He not only came as a baby, but grew up to give His life as a payment for our sins.

LESSON REFLECTION

Children love Christmas for many reasons. Celebrating and getting excited about all parts of the Christmas season is fun. As you close today's lesson, ask children to reflect on why Christmas is a special time. Remind them that people worldwide celebrate, even if they do not know the true meaning. The Bible tells us that God is love, and when we feel loved this season, let us remember that His love is a lasting gift to the world. Ask kids to think about who they know that needs to feel loved.



Use the Wordless Book (explanation page provided) to connect the Gospel to today's lesson.