



LEARNING GUIDE



The Gospel Hand exists
to help followers of Jesus Christ
share the good news with people
of all ages, in all nations,
by providing an easy-to-use,
biblically-based,
personally adaptable,
gospel presentation.

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but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

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Introduction

Consider for a moment that you're holding a very special gift that is near and dear to your heart. A gift that has the power to change someone's life forever. It's the most precious gift that anyone will ever receive—a gift that brings hope, purpose and so much more. You're about to give them something that is infinitely more valuable than anything else in this world.

You're nervous. You can feel your heart racing with excitement and anticipation. You remember the day that you received this gift and how your life has never been the same since. You know you have a responsibility to give the gift, because you know that this gift comes from the very heart of God, and that it's freely available to all who will receive it.

The questions begin to roll around in your head, “What will they think about me and the gift I’m giving? How will they respond?”

The moment of truth comes as you present the gift with great love, compassion and sincerity.

When they receive it, you can see the joy and wonder in their eyes. You can feel the gratitude and love in their embrace. You know that something wonderful has just happened. A life has been changed. A soul has been saved.

The gift you gave was the gospel, which simply means the “good news” of the person and work of Jesus Christ, and this time it was well received.

The reality is this—God will use your effort to change lives and bring many into His kingdom when you are faithful to His call to share His gift.

Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.” (Mark 16:15)

The Apostle Paul said in Romans 10:14, “But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?”

Communicating the gospel of Jesus is an act of obedience, an authentic expression of love and grace. It's an act that can change the course of someone's life forever if you are willing and able to communicate it, but what will you say and how will you say it when you're given the opportunity?

Let's begin by looking at an easy-to-use method for remembering the key points to the gospel: Your Hand.

Key Points



- 1 **GOD** is real. He created you, loves you, and wants to have a relationship with you.
- 2 **YOU** have sinned against a holy and just God, and you need to repent.
- 3 **SIN** separates you from God and is punishable by death.
- 4 **JESUS** is God in the flesh, lived a perfect life, died on a cross for your sins, and rose from the dead, so you can be saved and have a relationship with God.



- 5 **FAITH** in Jesus, trusting in who He is and what He has done in your place saves you, not your good works.
- 6 **LIFE** with God now and forever is what He promises you when you receive His free gift.

Commit these key points to memory. The next step is to look at what the Bible says to support each point.

Bible Verses - **GOD**

- 1 **GOD** is real. He created you, loves you, and wants to have a relationship with you.



What does the Bible say?

God is Real

“For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.” (Romans 1:20)

God Created You

“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.”

(Psalm 139:13-14)

God Loves You

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16) (Key Bible Verse)

God Wants to Have a Relationship with You

“From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us.” (Acts 17:26-27)

Bible Verses - **YOU**

- 2** **YOU** have sinned against a holy and just God, and you need to repent.



What does the Bible say?

You Have Sinned Against a Holy God

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” (Romans 3:23) (Key Bible Verse)

You Have Sinned Against a Just God

“Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil

in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.”

(Psalm 51:4)

You Need to Repent

“God overlooked people’s ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him.” (Acts 17:30) (Key Bible Verse)

Bible Verses - **SIN**

- 3 **SIN** separates you from God and is punishable by death.



What does the Bible say?

Sin Separates You from God

“It’s your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.” (Isaiah 59:2)

Sin is Punishable by Death

“The person who sins is the one who will die. The child will not be punished for the parent’s sins, and the parent will not be punished for

the child's sins. Righteous people will be rewarded for their own righteous behavior, and wicked people will be punished for their own wickedness." (Ezekiel 18:20)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."
(Romans 6:23) (Key Bible Verse)

Bible Verses - **JESUS**

- 4 **JESUS** is God in the flesh, lived a perfect life, died on a cross for you sins, and rose from the dead, so you can be saved and have a relationship with God.



What does the Bible say?

Jesus is God in the Flesh

“In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God...So the Word became human and made his home among us.” (John 1:1,14)

Jesus Lived a Perfect Life

“And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him.” (1 John 3:5)

Jesus Died on a Cross for Your Sins

“He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)

Jesus Rose from the Dead

“He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.” (Matthew 28:6)

Jesus Did This, So You Can Be Saved

“There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

Jesus Did This, So You Can Have a Relationship with God

“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6) (Key Bible Verse)

Bible Verses - **FAITH**

- 5 **FAITH** in Jesus, trusting in who He is and what He has done in your place saves you, not your good works.



What does the Bible say?

Faith in Jesus Alone Saves You

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.” (Romans 10:9-10)

Faith in Jesus Alone Saves You, Not Your Good Works

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”

(Ephesians 2:8-9) (Key Bible Verse)

Bible Verses - **LIFE**

- 6** **LIFE** with God now and forever is what He promises you when you receive His free gift.



What does the Bible say?

Life with God Forever is What He Promises You When You Receive His Free Gift

“And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.”

(1 John 5:11-12) (Key Bible Verse)

“I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, ‘Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.’” (Revelation 21:3-4)

Narrative

Now that you have an easy-to-use, biblically-based outline of the gospel, it's time to consolidate all of this into a personally adaptable narrative of the gospel that includes one or two key Bible verses for every key point and a transitional sentence or more to connect each point.

See the examples below that show the key points (in bold), one or two key Bible verses for every point and a place for you to use a transitional sentence or more to connect each point.

Practice reading through all of the points and verses while trying transitions that sound natural.



GOD is real. He created you, loves you and wants to have a relationship with you.

John 3:16 says, “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” (Transition here)



YOU have sinned against a holy and just God, and you need to repent.

Romans 3:23 says, “For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” Acts 17:30 says “God overlooked people’s ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him.”

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SIN, which is breaking God’s law, **separates you from God and is punishable by death**—a spiritual and eternal death. Romans 6:23 says, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Transition here)



JESUS is God in the flesh, lived a perfect life, died on a cross for your sins, and rose from the dead, so you can be saved and have a relationship with God.

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It should only take a few minutes to share this brief narrative, especially when it's memorized and you're going through it point by point.

This is the best approach for presenting the gospel when you have limited time with someone.

However, most meaningful conversations naturally happen when you are talking about life and then God opens up the door for you to talk about how He has transformed your life. When this opportunity comes you need to be ready to be a witness by sharing your testimony and incorporating the gospel into it.

Let's look at how to tell your story.

Testimony

The gospel of Jesus Christ has been transformational in the lives of countless individuals who through the power of the Holy Spirit learn to think, love and live like Jesus. It is a lifelong journey, where individuals continually grow and mature in their faith.

Consider your life for a moment, how you've become a completely different person since you gave your life to Jesus. There was a time that you simply lived for yourself and your own desires and now you seek to live for the glory of God.

After all, you wouldn't be interested in sharing the gospel if you didn't believe it is the greatest transformational message that could ever be told. You know God changes lives, because He changed yours—now you just need to tell people about how He did it.

Here are some steps to consider when sharing your testimony:

- **Pray for guidance:** Seek God's guidance and wisdom as you prepare to share your testimony. Ask for His help in articulating your experiences and insights effectively.
- **Reflect on your story:** Take time to reflect on your life before you encountered Jesus, how you came to know Him, and the transformation that has occurred since then. Consider key moments, experiences, or realizations that have shaped your faith, even missteps you regret.
- **Be genuine and vulnerable:** Authenticity is crucial when sharing your testimony. Be honest about your struggles, doubts, and weaknesses. Sharing vulnerable moments

can make your story relatable and demonstrate the power of God's grace and love in your life.

- Identify the main points:
Determine the key elements of your testimony that you want to emphasize. It could be your search for meaning, a crisis that led you to seek God, your encounter with Jesus, the changes you've experienced, or the hope and joy you've found in your relationship with Him.
- Structure your testimony:
Organize your story in a way that flows logically and engages the listener. You can start with an attention-grabbing introduction, briefly describe your life before Christ, explain how you encountered Him, highlight the changes He brought about, and conclude with the impact of your faith in your life.

- **Be concise and focused:** While it's important to share your story, try to keep it concise and focused. Avoid getting caught up in unnecessary details or going off on tangents. Stick to the main points and the overall theme of your journey.
- **Use relatable language:** Tailor your testimony to the audience you're sharing it with. Use language and examples that are relatable and understandable to them. Avoid jargon or complex theological terms unless you are speaking to an audience that would readily understand them.
- **Share the Gospel:** While recounting your personal experiences, remember to share the central message of the gospel—the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. Explain the need for forgiveness,

the significance of Christ's sacrifice, and the invitation for others to experience the same transformation and relationship with Him.

- Practice and adapt: Practice sharing your testimony aloud. First start by writing it down. Seek feedback from trusted Christian friends or mentors who can help you refine and improve your delivery. Adapt your testimony to different situations and audiences, tailoring it to fit various time constraints and contexts.
- Pray for the listener: Before, during, and after sharing your testimony, pray for the listener's heart to be open to God's work. Trust that the Holy Spirit will work in their lives, using your story as a tool for inspiration, conviction, and encouragement.

Remember, the goal of sharing your testimony is to point others to Jesus and His saving grace. Stay humble, be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and trust that God can use your story to impact lives.

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing this Learning Guide to the Gospel Hand. Now you have a valuable tool that will equip you to share the good news when the time is right.

By simply looking at your hand, you can recall the six key points that form the foundation of your message. You have Bible verses for each point, serving as convenient references for quick lookup or memorization. As you continue to grow, you can expand your list of verses to commit to memory.

You also know how to smoothly transition from one point to another, so that your presentation flows naturally and concisely. Lastly, you possess the ability to share your personal story, which serves as a powerful testimony of how Jesus has changed your life.

So where do you go from here?

Make a commitment to simply go. You have an amazing, life-changing message to share! Take the initiative to speak, right where you are, giving people the opportunity to turn from their sins and receive the gift of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20).

This is His promise to you: He will be with you always.

We are praying for you as you begin this exciting journey!



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