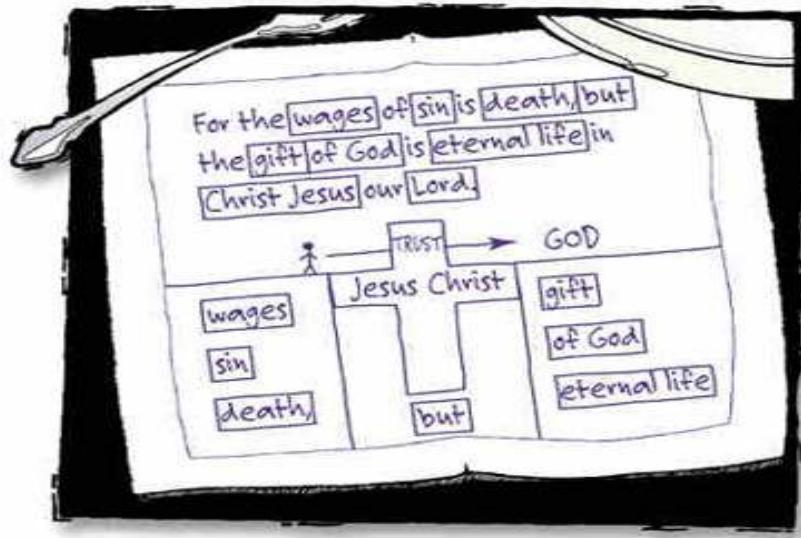


One Verse Evangelism

The following drawing, verse, and outline will provide you with a tool to share Christ with your friends that you have been praying for who may or may not know Jesus as their Savior.



1. Ask, "Would you be interested if I could sum up the whole Bible in only one verse?"
 2. Write out Romans 6:23 on paper or napkin. **For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
 3. Ask your friend if he or she would like to see a simple picture based upon this one verse that explains God's relationship with people.
 4. Circle the words wages, sin, death, but, gift, God, eternal life, and Jesus Christ. Say, "we are going to look at each of these words."
- 5. Wages**
- a. Write the word wages on the left side of the napkin.
 - b. Ask, "What do you think when you hear the word wage?"
 - c. Wage is like the word payment. Explain that when I work I receive payment for my work.
 - d. Ask, "How would you feel if your boss refused to pay you the wages that were due you?"
 - e. At this point you could explain that God is righteous and just and therefore our sin must be dealt with.
- 6. Sin**
- a. Write the word "sin" underneath the word "wages."
 - b. What does the word sin mean to you?
 - c. You might ask, "Has God ever seemed far away?"
 - d. Draw two opposing cliffs with a gap in between.
 - e. Transition by saying, "This verse reminds us that the payment or wage for our sin is death."
- 7. Death**
- a. Write the word "death" below the word "sin."

- b. Ask, "What comes to mind...?"
- c. Explain that death in the Bible means some kind of separation.
- d. So who are we separated from? We are separated from God.

8. But

- a. Write the word "but" between the two cliffs.
- b. Explain that this means a sharp contrast in thought.
- c. Say, "And now the good news!"

9. Gift

- a. Write the word "gift" on the right side.
- b. Ask, "If wages are what a person earns, then what is a gift?"
- c. Remind your friend that someone must purchase every gift.

10. God

- a. Write the word "God" underneath the word "gift."
- b. Explain that the gift is so special it's from God Himself.
- c. Ask, "How do you feel when someone gives you a special gift?"

11. Eternal life

- a. Write the word "eternal life" under the word "God." Contrast death on one side of the cliff to eternal life on the other.
- b. Ask, "What is the opposite of separation from God?" "Eternal life with God."

12. Christ Jesus

- a. Write the words Jesus Christ between the two cliffs.
- b. Form a cross by drawing a bridge around the words "Jesus Christ."
- c. Point out that Christ means chosen.
- d. Christ was chosen of God the Father to be the gift and bring the gift of eternal life to man.
- e. Say, "Christ provides the way for us to have a relationship with God resulting in eternal life."

13. Trust

- a. Write the word trust or believe over the bridge you just drew.
- b. Tell your friend about trusting Jesus Christ for eternal life because of what He did for us on the Cross.

14. Draw the net

- a. Let's read the verse again. **"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."**
- b. Now let's look at the picture, Ask, "Where are you?"
- c. "Have you trusted Jesus Christ for eternal life?" Point to the right cliff where God is located.
- d. Point to the left cliff and say, "Or would you say you are still here?"
- e. If they say they are on the left cliff, ask, "Would you be willing to confess your sins to God and ask Jesus Christ to come into your life?"
- f. If so you can pray a simple prayer after me. "Dear God I know I have sinned against you. I know your son Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and come into my life. In Jesus name I pray. Amen."