

WEEK 7 – HELPING A NEW CHRISTIAN TO GROW
DAY 1 – SPEAK CAREFULLY

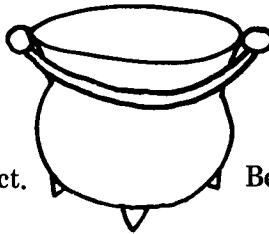
Now you are ready to begin person to person evangelism. This week I want you to visit someone. Plan to visit the person whose name you wrote on Week 4, Day 5, Question 18. Have you been praying for him? Have you been learning to know him well?

1. On what day do you think you can visit him? _____

Before you go, I want to tell you three things to be careful about. A person may know all the right things to say about Christ. But if he is not careful, he can turn people away. Here are the three things:

- (1) Have respect.
- (2) Be humble.
- (3) Be patient.

These things are like the legs of a pot. If one leg of a pot breaks, the pot falls down. If we fail to do one of these things, our evangelism will fall too.



Have respect.

Be patient.

Be humble.

2. If I do not have respect, what will happen to my evangelism? _____

What will we do if we respect people? We will try not to talk to them in front of other people. Think of it this way. Let us say you have done something bad to someone. Perhaps you said something which troubled him.

3. What would you like for him to do? Write yes beside the one you like.

_____ I would like him to ask me about it in front of other people.

I would like him to come to me alone.

If he talks in front of other people, you do not think he respects you. Remember this when you talk to someone about his sins. Take him aside to talk if possible.

4. What does this show him? _____

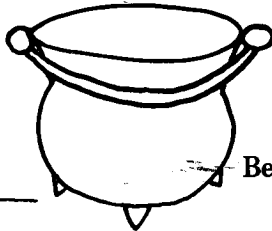
There is another way to show respect. Do not argue with people. But this is what some evangelists do. They think they must defeat people.

If your friend has some wrong thoughts about God, help him to see the truth. But lead him slowly and kindly. Show him respect. Do not fight with words.

5. Do you know any people who go around preaching and arguing? _____

Think of the legs of the pot. Think of the three ways to speak carefully.

6. What is the first one? Write it beside the first leg.



Be patient.

Be humble.

You should have respect. You should also be humble. Remember that you are not doing this work alone. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would show people their sins. John 16:8:

And when he comes (the Holy Spirit), he will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment.

7. Must we ourselves defeat people and show them their sin? _____

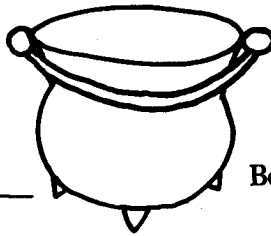
No, the Holy Spirit will do this as we speak. So we should be humble. We should be humble, because we know that we cannot save people. We cannot show people their sins. We give them the word of God, and someone else shows them.

8. Who shows people their sins? _____

The Holy Spirit shows people their sins as we show them what God says. Use the Bible. Show your friend that Christ is the one who can help him. Do not try to make him think you know everything. You are only a witness. You are not the Saviour. Christ is the Saviour. When you speak, lift up Christ. Jesus said in John 12:32:

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.

9. How should you speak? Write the first two things beside the pot.



Be patient.

We must show respect and be humble. We must also be patient. Do not be troubled if your friend does not receive Christ quickly. Deciding to follow Christ is a very big thing. It must be thought over well. If your friend decides quickly, he may also forget quickly.

Think of the fruit that grows on an orange tree. It grows very slowly at first.

10. What happens to oranges if you pick them when they are very small?

Remember this verse when you do evangelism.

We want people to receive Jesus. Sometimes we try to make them hurry and repent. Instead, we should be patient. If they do not repent quickly, we should keep on helping them.

11. What happens if we make people repent before they are ready? _____

- We must: (1) Have respect.
(2) Be humble.

12. If people do not receive Christ quickly, we must also do the third thing.

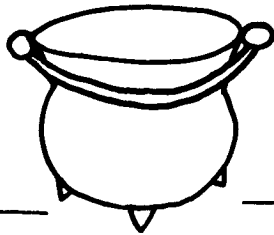
We must _____ .

We often fail here. We want things to happen right away. But a Tonga proverb says, "The first rain does not sprout the maize." In the same way, your friend may not receive Christ the first time you talk to him.

13. What should you do? You must _____ .

Do not become discouraged. Keep on praying. Keep on loving. Remember that you are the sower of seed only. It is God who will make it grow.

14. What three things must you remember to do when you talk about Christ? Write them beside the legs of the pot.



ANSWERS

11. They will not grow, or they will turn back, or they will forget.
8. The Holy Spirit.
5. This is up to you.
2. It will fall, or it will not work.
13. be patient.
10. They do not grow, or they will not get ripe, or they are not good.
7. No.
4. Respect.
1. This is up to you.
12. Be patient.
9. Have respect. Be humble.
6. Have respect.
3. I think you would like him to come to you alone.
14. Have respect. Be humble. Be patient.

**WEEK 7 – HELPING A NEW CHRISTIAN TO GROW
DAY 2 – LOVE HIM**

~~Yesterday~~ we learned that we ~~must~~ be careful when we talk to people.

1. What three things must we do? (1) _____
(2) _____ (3) _____
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Evangelism looks like very hard work. Perhaps you are afraid. You think no one will listen to you. But God has promised to help you. Some people will listen and receive Jesus. Do you remember this verse? Psalm 126:6:

He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

2. How does the evangelist feel when someone receives Christ? _____
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God promises that some people will receive Christ. But a new Christian is like a new baby. He needs help.

3. When a mother gives birth to a baby, can she leave him then? _____
When you help someone receive new life, can you leave him then? _____
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Let us say a young man and woman have been married for a time. They are expecting their first child. They are happy about this. The time comes. The baby is born. It looks very strong and well.

4. Suppose these parents say, "This baby is well and strong. Now it can grow by itself. It does not need us." What would you think about them?
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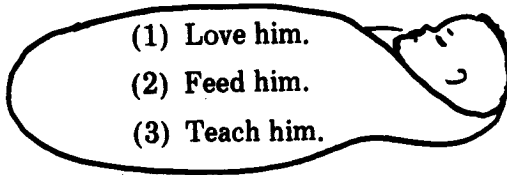
You would think they are foolish. They should know that a baby needs help. It must first be given milk. Then it must have soft foods. After that

it must have thick foods. And in the end it must have vegetables and meat.

But some evangelists are like these parents. They pray and prepare and speak. Someone receives Jesus. Then they leave him to grow by himself.

5. What may happen to a new Christian if he is left alone? _____

Because of this, what must we do? We must care for a new Christian as we care for a new baby. How can we do this? We must:



6. What is the first thing we must do? _____

Perhaps you thought that the first thing a baby needs is food. Food is important. But there is something a baby needs more than food. The doctors say that if a baby has much food but no love, it will not grow well.

7. Do you think a new Christian will grow well without love? _____

How can you show a new Christian love? You should be his friend as you were before he received Christ.

8. Let us say I visited you many times. I told you the Good News. Then you received Christ and I stopped visiting you. What would you think?

Visit a new Christian right away. Do not wait a week or two. When there is a new baby, the mother cares for it the first day. Do this also for a new Christian. Try to visit him the next day after he receives Christ.

9. When we visit a new Christian, what are we trying to give him? _____

When you visit a new Christian, you give him love.

Talk to him about his new life. Ask him what he has received. Listen carefully to what he says. When you listen, you show that you love him.

10. What should you do the day after your friend repents? _____

When you visit a new Christian, listen to him. Ask him questions about himself. Let him talk. When you do this, you are giving him the first thing which he needs.

11. What is the first thing we must give a new Christian? _____

A new baby is part of a family. A new Christian must have a family too. Invite him to come to church. Tell him about the other people in the family. Show him that the other people in the church love him too.

12. We can show a new Christian love by visiting him, listening to him, and inviting him to church. Can you think of any other ways to give him love? Write them here.

13. What is the first thing we must do for a new Christian? _____

14. Write one way to give a new Christian love. _____

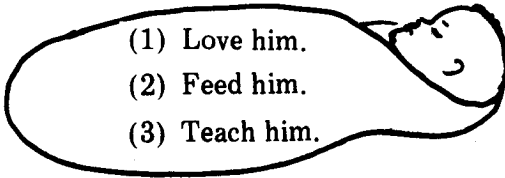
ANSWERS

2. He feels happy.
6. Love him.
10. Visit him.
14. Visit him, or listen to him, or invite him to church.
4. This is up to you, but I think you would say they are foolish, or they have no wisdom.
8. You would think I do not love you.
12. We will talk about this in class.
3. No. No.
7. This is up to you.
11. Love.
1. (1) Have respect. (2) Be humble. (3) Be patient.
5. He will not grow, or he will turn back, or he will be weak, or he will not go on.
9. Love.
13. Love him.

WEEK 7 – HELPING A NEW CHRISTIAN TO GROW
DAY 3 – FEED HIM

1. What is the first thing you must do for a new Christian? _____
_____ How do you do this? _____
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Loving a new Christian is important, but it is not enough. Remember we must:



2. What is the second thing we must do? _____
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A new baby must have food for his body. A new Christian must have food for his spirit. The spiritual food for a new Christian is the word of God. But a new Christian cannot understand the Bible well. Someone must help him to understand. Someone must feed him.

3. Let us say that you have helped someone receive Christ. Who must feed that new Christian?

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If you helped someone to repent, then you must feed him. What food can you give him? The Bible tells us, Matthew 4:4:

But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

4. Look carefully at this verse. In his body, man lives by bread. What does he live by in his spirit?

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A Christian lives by the word of God. This is his spiritual food. Where do we get the word of God? We get it in the Bible. So a new Christian should

read the Bible. He should take it into his life.

Perhaps we will say to a new Christian, "Here is the Bible. Read it because it will give you everything you need." This is like bringing a bag of meal to a baby. You say, "Here you are, baby. Here is plenty of food to grow on."

5. Can a new Christian understand the Bible well? _____

6. How can you help him get food from the Bible? _____

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We prepare special food for a baby. Let us do the same for a new Christian. You are the one who helped him receive new life. He is a spiritual child to you. You should prepare food for him. When you visit your friend, read the Bible with him. Explain to him what it means. Tell him how to put it into his life.

7. When you explain the word of God to him, what are you giving your friend? _____

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You must give a new Christian food.

Yesterday we learned that first you must love him. Then you must feed him. When you love him, you listen to him. You do not talk all the time. In this way you find out what kind of food he needs.

8. What is the food which you must give a new Christian? _____

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You must give him God's word. But the Bible is a big book. Where should you help him read?

Do not start with the books that are hard to understand. Start with the book of Mark. This book tells all the good things that Jesus did. Or start with the book of John. Here we read that Jesus is God's Word. We read how He gives new life to those who believe.

9. When you do this, you are doing the second thing for a new Christian. What is it? _____

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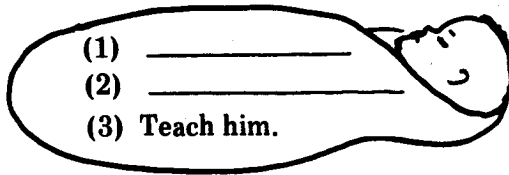
Perhaps the new Christian is still doing some wrong things. Do not use hard words. Show him what the Bible says about these things. Feed him. He will stop doing these things as he understands God's word. He will grow strong as you feed him.

10. What makes a new baby or a new Christian grow? _____

11. How can you feed a new Christian? _____

There are three things to do for a new Christian.

12. Write the first two on the baby.



13. Have you gone to visit the one you are praying for? _____
If you have not gone yet, try to do it today.

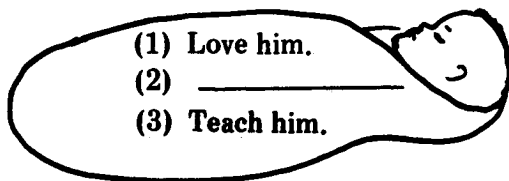
ANSWERS

3. You are the one.
6. Explain it to him, or read it to him.
9. Feed him.
12. (1) Love him. (2) Feed him.
 2. Feed him.
 5. No.
 8. The word of God, or the Bible.
11. Give him the word of God, or explain the Bible to him.
 1. Love him. Visit him, or listen to him, or invite him to church.
 4. The word of God, or every word which comes from the mouth of God.
 7. Food.
10. Food, or feeding him.
13. This is up to you. We will talk about your visit in class.

**WEEK 7 – HELPING A NEW CHRISTIAN TO GROW
DAY 4 – TEACH HIM**

We must care for a new Christian like a new baby. There are three things we must do for him.

1. Write the second one.



We are happy to love and feed a baby. But I do not think we would be happy to do this for ever. When a baby is small, you like to carry him. You are happy to put food into his mouth. But you do not want him to remain a baby.

2. Think of a small child in your village. What do you want him to learn to do besides eating?

We want a child to stand up and walk. We want him to talk. We want him to feed himself.

We want a new Christian to do the same things. We want him to stand when temptations come. We want him to talk to God. We want him to tell other people about his new life. We want him to feed himself from the Bible.

3. How do you think we can help a new Christian learn these things? _____

We must teach him. We must teach him to stand.

This means we must teach him about temptations. Satan wants a new Christian to fall into sin again. Can a Christian remain standing and not fall when temptations come? Remember this verse. 1 Corinthians 10:13:

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is

faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

4. Does a new Christian have to fall when temptations come? _____

Sometimes a new Christian does not expect temptations. He thinks everything will be easy now. He will be surprised when temptations come. We must tell him they are coming. Then he will be prepared for them. We must teach him what to do when they come.

5. What must we do for a new Christian? We must (1) Love him, (2) Feed him, and (3) _____ .

We must teach a new Christian to stand. We must also teach him to talk. First, he must learn to talk with God. How can we teach him to do this? Remember that children learn by what they see us do. As you pray with your friend, you are teaching him to pray.

6. If you want a new Christian to pray, what must you do with him? _____

Pray with your friend. Teach him to pray when temptations come. When Satan wants to talk with him, he can talk with God instead. He can tell God his troubles. He can listen when God talks to him. Teach him that God is his friend. He can talk with Him.

7. We must help a new Christian to stand against Satan and to talk with God. How can we make him do these things? _____

We must teach a new Christian to stand and to talk. He must talk with God. He must also talk to other people.

Do you remember what we learned in the first week? We said that talking to people about Christ helps us. It does two things for us. It gives us joy.

8. What is another way that evangelism helps us? It makes us _____
If you have forgotten, look back to Week 1, Day 5.

Talking about Christ helps a new Christian. He tells people what has happened to him. He tells them what Christ can do for them. This makes him strong. We must teach him to do this.

9. Besides loving and feeding a new Christian, what must we do? _____

We teach best by showing a good example. Take the new Christian with you when you go to visit someone else. Let him hear what you say. Teach him the five big things and the verses. Give him a chance to talk.

10. We must teach a new Christian to talk. What do we want him to talk about? _____

There is one more thing we must teach a new Christian. We must teach him to feed himself. Help him choose a time to read the Bible every day. Help him find good verses to read. Teach him how to get food from these verses.

11. Where does a Christian get spiritual food? _____

A new Christian must learn to stand against Satan. He must learn to talk with God. He must learn to talk to people about Christ. He must learn to feed himself.

12. How can we make him do these things? _____

A new Christian must be taught. A baby does not learn well by itself. A new Christian does not learn well by himself.

13. Who must teach a new Christian? _____

14. Write one thing we must teach him. _____

There are many things we must do for a new Christian. We cannot do this in a day. We must keep on helping him for many days.

15. What three things must we do for a new Christian? (1) _____

(2) _____ (3) _____

ANSWERS

7. Teach him.
15. (1) Love him. (2) Feed him. (3) Teach him.
6. Pray with him.
14. To stand against Satan, or to talk with God, or to talk to people about Christ, or to feed himself from the Bible.
5. Teach him.
12. Teach him.
4. No.
11. From the Bible, or God's word.
3. This is up to you, but I am happy if you said, "Teach him".
10. We want him to talk about Christ.
 2. You want him to stand up and walk and talk and feed himself. Any of these answers is all right.
9. We must teach him.
 1. Feed him.
 8. strong.
13. We must.

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DAY 5 – REVISION

Today we want to go over the things you learned in Weeks 5, 6, and 7. Try to answer all the questions. I will not give you answers. If you could not answer the questions from one week, go back to that week. Be sure you know all the answers.

Here are questions from Week 5.

1. Write the five things you must tell people about Christ. Write the verses that go with them. (Do not write the words of the verses, just where they are found.)

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____

2. Write Genesis 2:7: _____

Here are questions from Week 6.

3. What will you say to the person who once followed God and turned back?

What verses will you show him? _____

4. What will you answer the man who says: I am not very bad. _____

What verse will you show him? _____

5. How will you answer this excuse: There are bad people in the church.

What verse will you show? _____

6. How will you answer this excuse: I will repent later. _____

What verse will you show? _____

7. How will you answer this excuse: I go to a different church. _____

What verse will you use? _____

8. How will you answer this excuse: The Christian way is too hard. _____

What verse will you use? _____

Here are questions from Week 7.

9. What three things, like the legs of a pot, help you do evangelism?

(1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____

10. What three things should you do for a new Christian? Write one way in which you can do each thing.

(1) _____ How can you do this? _____

(2) _____ How can you do this? _____

(3) _____ How can you do this? _____

11. Did you visit someone this week? _____

What did he say to you? _____

What did you say to him? _____

12. Now go back to the revision on Week 4, Day 5. Cover the things you have written. See if you can still answer the questions.