

Try this tested “metro” method!

# Keeping a Grip on Truth

Have you noticed the numerous tools for sharing the message of salvation with kids? The *Wordless Book*<sup>™</sup>, the new *Gospel Flipper-Flapper*<sup>™</sup> and the EvangeCube<sup>®</sup> are some of the best. They rely on colors and symbols to connect kids to the message of the Gospel.

Many city kids have seen these tools more than once. But are they really holding onto the message? Even with an accurate and clear presentation with the coolest of objects, it is possible that a city kid (or any kid) might need some additional hooks to hang his faith on. Because we want your students to keep a firm grip on truth we are sharing with you a successful method used in our metro area.

## A Different Strategy

I’m discovering that many city kids who readily respond to the Gospel message have little or no biblical foundation. Consequently, many need to have the truths of the Gospel reiterated to help bring about change in their lives and to help them relate to God in a personal way.

*City kids must hear the Word of God over and over to establish a strong foundation.*

So, how do we present the Gospel to city kids? About five years ago the Lord gave us something thousands in our area know as the “7 Most Important Things in the World”—a list of seven simple phrases that all children need to know and can understand.\*

Knowing the value of repetition, the 7 Most Important Things in the World (or 7MIT) are taught to every child, four years old and up. Teachers give progressive instruction and drill their students on the 7MIT every class session, similar to learning a mini catechism. Every child is expected to master these truths.

## An Urban Appeal

Consider using the 7MIT in your ministry:

1. God loves me. (John 3:16)
2. Jesus never sinned. (2 Cor. 5:21)
3. I have sinned. (Rom. 3:23)
4. Jesus died for me. (1 Cor. 15:3)
5. Now Jesus lives! (1 Cor. 15:4)
6. I asked HIM in my heart. (John 1:12)
7. I can live for HIM. (2 Cor. 5:15)

The 7MIT are simple, easy to learn, yet profound. They can become the central and foundational points of reference for your teaching. We have developed a song to go with this method and the kids love it! They always want to sing it more than once.

As city kids respond to the Gospel, during counseling I hear them answer questions based on biblical understanding through the 7MIT. Why is Jesus the only way to Heaven? They answer, “Numbers 2, 4, and 5, *Jesus never sinned, Jesus died for me and Now Jesus lives!*” The 7MIT is shouted in unison, sung with body movements, recited during game time, prayed and remembered in kids’ testimonies. Whether in the classroom or on the street, city kids’ spiritual foundation is continuously being built.

Once again the ball is in your hands. Are you ready to score—*big*? Then try the 7 Most Important Things in the World!

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