

# Evangelism and Discipleship

Recently, we revamped the “**Evangelism and Discipleship**” section of the Mentor’s Manual to reflect the important work of presenting the gospel message and following up with brand new Christians. These corrections and additions to the manual won’t be available in print until later this year. In the meantime, I would like to give you some ideas and suggestions to assist you in this important phase of ministry to mothers and their families.

## ***BEFORE YOU MAKE THE FIRST VISIT...***

Read through all the evangelism resources located in your Mentor’s Manual. Highlight the Bible you will use for presenting the plan of salvation. Place the evangelistic tract you were given at training inside this highlighted and marked Bible. Put these resources in your Home Visit Bag, ready to be used at any visit. Work on your Spiritual Story Worksheet (in the **Appendix**), filling in the blanks as completely as possible. Review it often so that you can tell about your own spiritual journey in five minutes. This will prove to be a valuable tool as you share your own experience with someone else.

## ***AS YOU MAKE VISITS***

Be prayerfully aware of every opportunity you have to talk to the mother about God and His love for her. With the Holy Spirit’s leading, you will know when to follow through with more of your spiritual story and/or a complete presentation of the gospel message using a highlighted Bible or the evangelistic tract.

## ***WHEN THE MOTHER BECOMES A BELIEVER***

Encourage her to take the next steps: learning more about being a Christian, growing as a new believer, and living a new life for Christ. Let her know that you will help her grow as a new believer.

Give her the new believers’ booklet you received with your curriculum and complete the studies with her over the next few visits.

Invite the mother to attend your church with you. Or, you might suggest a Bible-based church in her area, if your church is not located near her home.

Set up another visit with the mother within two weeks. Call the mother between visits. Remind her about going to church, either yours or another one you suggested. Encourage her to read her Bible daily.

Encourage the mother’s spiritual growth at every opportunity. What a privilege to oversee the spiritual development of a new believer!

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