



tips for youth workers

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DECISION DAYS: TOP 10 REASONS TO HAVE THEM

- 10** It is a mandate of our ministry with children and youth. (See Orders and Regulations for Work Among Young People.)
- 9** Decision Day can be a time of renewal and celebration for children who have previously made commitments to Christ.
- 8** It is a great opportunity to teach young people about evangelism.
- 7** Most young people are not in the Sunday morning worship service when an appeal is given.
- 6** It is a time when young people can approach the mercy seat confidently.
- 5** Research shows us that 85% of those who make decisions for Christ are between the ages of 4 and 14.
- 4** You should never assume all teachers or leaders provide an opportunity for decision making during their lesson or program time.
- 3** You should never assume all of your young people have made commitments to Christ.
- 2** Jesus tells us in Matthew 19:14 to “Let the children come to me... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Who are we to *hinder them*?
- 1** When Jesus said to go and make disciples of all nations, he didn’t mean just adults!

Tools to help you lead young people to make a decision:

- a. The **newly updated “you give...God Saves!”** tool for ministry workers. Now available as a PDF download it is full of tips and ideas on how to talk to children and youth about their relationship with God and how to lead them into that relationship. “you give...” has decision day ideas, links to resources, suggested apps, books and websites to encourage and provide you practical support. Download your copy at www.saMinsitryCatalogue.ca for free!
- b. **Age Appropriate Decision Pamphlets** – order yours from www.saMinistryCatalogue.ca. You can choose from:

Life Is Full of Choices	ages 4-6 years
It’s My Choice!	ages 6-8 years
Life is Full of Decisions	ages 8-11 years
Making Choices	ages 11 years and up
- c. **Age Appropriate Follow-Up Courses** – designed to help young people develop their relationship with God by encouraging them to pray and read their Bible daily. A leader’s guide is also available to help children and youth workers mentor and encourage new Christians. Order your supply from www.saMinsitryCatalogue.ca.

We encourage you to plan a decision day in **October, January, April and August**.
Don’t forget to record these first time decisions in SAMIS.