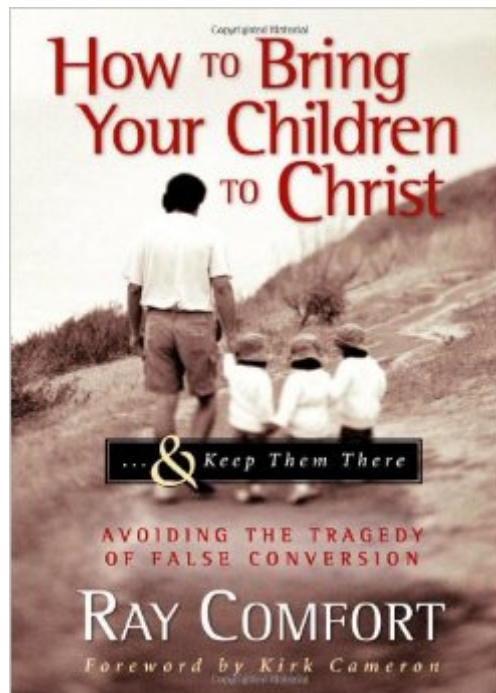


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# How To Bring Your Children To Christ..& Keep Them There: Avoiding The Tragedy Of False Conversion



## Synopsis

“88% of children raised in evangelical homes leave church at the age of 18 never to return.” Nothing is more important than where your kids will spend eternity. As a parent, you don’t want to suffer the heartache of your children rebelling against their Christian upbringing. In this practical book, noted author/evangelist Ray Comfort counters the unscriptural belief that a child can be saved merely by “asking Jesus into his heart,” and shares time-tested principles to help parents (and children’s workers) guide their children to experience genuine salvation and avoid the pitfall of rebellion. Filled with creative ideas for family devotions, tips for safeguarding kids from harmful influences, and great suggestions for helping kids learn God’s holy standard, the Ten Commandments.

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"We don't understand how our son John could be living such a wicked life! We raised him in church and did everything right!" Ever hear these words uttered by godly parents in your church? The sad fact is that they probably DID do most things right -- except lead little Johnny to genuine salvation. As Ray Comfort emphasizes in this small book, bringing your children to Christ (and keeping them there) involves far more than a "sinner's prayer" at age four. Those already familiar with Comfort's ministry will recognize his message here. Most of the book focuses on teaching your children about God's Law to bring conviction of sin so that they will recognize that they are guilty before God and need a Savior. As in most of his other works, Comfort uses the Ten Commandments to show that

we are indeed individually guilty of sinning against God's holy Law. Only when we realize this can we repent and humbly accept the free gift of salvation through Christ. What's different in this book is that Comfort shows how to communicate these truths on a child's level, often suggesting helpful visual aids and object lessons. For example, how do you sensitively tell a young child what it means to commit adultery? Comfort also warns about the dangers of prematurely leading a child to "salvation", since children usually want to please Mommy & Daddy and can easily be manipulated into doing something they don't understand (producing the "false conversion" of the book's subtitle). His do's and don't's are very practical. The rest of the book deals with other fairly basic guidelines for raising godly kids, such as: \*\*Making sure our lives back up what we say (since children are very sensitive to hypocrisy), \*\*Guarding against worldly influences -- sinful entertainment, wrong friends, and the humanistic indoctrination of public schools (AMEN!), \*\*Having daily family devotions, \*\*Warning your kids about the dangers of alcohol, smoking, and immorality, and \*\*Letting your kids observe your concern for the lost. There are other great books on Christian child rearing that go into much more detail, but this little classic is foundational. I firmly believe that God is powerfully using Ray Comfort to call the church back to true biblical evangelism. I highly recommend this book -- it would make a great gift for any believing parents-to-be!

Ray Comfort has produced another volume on evangelism, and this time it strikes home more personally than any of his excellent books. He points out how the overwhelming majority of children from Christian families eagerly leave the church once they hit their 18th birthday--a tragic commentary on the ineffectiveness of American christianity today. Comfort cites from his own role as a father on how to lead your kids to a sound salvation in Christ. This man's ministry is an answer to prayer for the ever-darkening times we live in! Many thanks to this one-of-a-kind teacher/author.

Are you concerned about your children's salvation? This is the book for you! Having children myself, I went searching for a book that would address whether their salvation was, in fact, true. Of course, while God only knows their hearts, I still felt that I would not be fulfilling my parental duty if I didn't do my homework. I found this book very easy-to-understand, profound and convicting! There is a chapter at the end of the book that addresses the outside influences we allow into our children's lives. This was painful to read as I realized how subtle the enemy is, and how easy it is to be conformed to the standards of the world. I believe this will change your whole way of witnessing to your own children. I've already begun using this book as a guideline on talking to my children about their salvation.

I read this book and handed it out like candy to my friends. He explains that it's not a guarantee to keep your children, but adds that we need to balance the love of Christ and the Fear of God so that they know they will still be accountable to someone even when no body is looking-because God is. He stresses and gives practical examples on the 10 commandments to teach our children about them and how to remember them. Another book to read to children is *The Way of the Master for Children*. Good beginning for preschool and the rest of the book to give children a firm foundation why they believe in God. Both awesome books!

First, for the theologians out there, Ray Comfort, addresses the subtitle of the book "and Keep Them There", (as in how to keep your children saved once they've been saved). He basically says that's not theologically possible for a parent to do, but the subtitle gets your attention and is a much better substitute for the paragraph-long biblically-correct alternative title, which he does share with you in the book. I appreciated that matter being dealt with first. This addresses an issue that few Americans realize exists: the fact that there is such a thing as false conversion. In my own experience that looks something like this: "Billy" was "saved" at a youth gathering when he was 9 years old. When he became a teen, he rebelled and lived like any unbelieving person might live. There was never any evidence of his salvation. Billy's parents say, "That boy is getting into trouble with the law, doing drugs, drinking, and watches porn online...thank goodness he was saved when he was 9." Comfort teaches that this results because sin is not really taught much anymore, but rather a powerless, false, easy-believism-fire-insurance type salvation is taught. Comfort teaches you how to use the 10 Commandments (God's moral law) to teach about sin and one's need for forgiveness. While Comfort does not preach salvation by works, he clearly shows biblical proof that evidence of a righteous life is the result of true biblical salvation. The book is very practical for parents. He offers ways to impart biblical truth to your children in child-friendly ways, such as a fun, family bible time that leaves children wanting more. The message for parents is that faith that leads to salvation is straight from God, but parents can cultivate rich soil in their children by consistently investing time in the spiritual nurture of their children, realizing the difference between true and false conversion, and using God's moral law to help them grasp their need for the Savior, Jesus Christ.

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