

Children's Century Classics

Canvass

Steps before the Canvass

1. Upon entering the prospects' home, **thank them** for taking a few minutes to talk to you. Make some small talk by noting something about their home, family, obvious hobbies, etc.
2. Try to **arrange the seating** in a way that your canvass can be heard and your books seen clearly.
3. If the **TV** is on, try to get it **turned off**. A simple statement is often effective.

"I hope I am not interrupting your favorite TV program." Generally they will turn it off, but if they do not, ask them politely to turn it off.

"Mrs. _____ I talk all day long and I am trying to save my voice. Would it be alright if we might turn the TV off? It is hard for me to talk over it."

4. Ask them if they remember where they picked the card up from and who they were thinking about when they saw the books. (Note this will be very helpful information as you tailor your canvass to them.)
5. **Use the "No Place to Hide" PRE-CANVASS.**

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Open up the accordion folder and place it in front of them.

Mrs. _____, this shows what the covers to the series looks like. Your first three volumes cover the Old Testament and the last four cover the New Testament and the great heroes of faith.

This is the volume one. (Turn to volume 1, page 2) In the beginning of each volume there is a table of contents. This volume starts right at the very beginning of the Bible in Genesis with the Creation Story and goes all the way over to the Children of Israel. (Turn to page 8) Note at the beginning of each chapter it tells right where the stories are taken from in the Bible.

There are **a number of reasons** why this series has been so popular with families today.

The first reason is the **artwork**. There are almost seven hundred original paintings in the series to make the Bible come alive for the children. In fact, if a person couldn't read at all he could tell almost the entire story of the whole Bible just with the artwork.

Children love pictures. And I guess I am a kid at heart because I love pictures as well. In fact, we are told that we remember almost ten times more of what we see than of what we just hear or read. That is why the *Children's Century Classics* are such a great tool in teaching children the Bible.

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is Noah and the Ark. (Turn to page 38 and then 39) Let me ask you a little quiz. When you were raised, how many of each animal were most people taught went into the ark? Not the total number, but how many of each kind? Two, that is right. But look here at this picture, (volume 1, page 40) how are they going in? We see two elephants, two pigs, and two bears but look at those sheep. There are... (Point at them and count) one, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Is that right? Remember what I told you? All you have to do is look at the beginning of the chapter and it will tell you right where

to go in the Bible and check it out. You see here, (volume 1, page 38) this story is taken from Genesis chapters 6 and 7. In fact, this is an easy one to remember; sevens and twos. Just remember Genesis 7:2. (Read it from their Bible if they have one.) KJV “Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and its mates and of the unclean by two the male and its mate.” So there you have it. Not only is the artwork beautiful, but we have sought to make every aspect of the CCC set accurate to the scriptures.

The second reason why the CCC series has been so popular is the **simple language**. A good example is found in this same story. Now if you were to read the story in the Bible, it would tell you the size of the ark but it would tell you in cubits. Now I don’t know about you, but for the average person a cubit does not mean a whole lot. But here it makes it easy. (Read page 41 the first paragraph.) Now that breaks it down.

And here it tells why God made such a big boat.

(Read the first two sentences of the next paragraph.) Why such a huge boat? “Because God wanted anyone who believed in Him and wanted to be saved from the flood to have a chance to get on board the ark and be safe.”

Now if we turn over to the end of the story you will find something special. (If the children are there, point at the **Treasure Chest** and ask...) What is that? That is right, a Treasure Chest. Did you know the Bible is full of Treasure? And this part of the CCC set will help you find it. One of the first treasures you will find is the **Thought Questions**. These are designed to help some of the important facts of the story stay with the young people. They are also designed to get them talking with you about important things in life. They will open lots of opportunities to communicate your values to your family. Then you will notice the **Prayers**. What a great way to end your study time and draw your family together, with a short prayer.

You will also notice this little box here. (Point to the **QR code**.) This allows you to open up a whole world of **extra treasures**. First, you will find available the series in audio form. Your children can follow along as the **stories are read in an exciting dramatized way**. Let's give it a try. (Scan and listen to part of Noah.) From the youngest to the oldest in the family they will enjoy listening to the series.) It can be a life saver on long trips as your children follow along as the stories are told. It will also help their reading skills as they follow and listen. And then you will also find **additional activities** to go along with each story. There are puzzles and quizzes that will draw the children back to the important lessons of the stories.

The *Children's Century Classics* are designed to **teach your family in every way**. (As you say these, point to your eyes, then to your mouth, and then to your ears, then finally wave your arm in a "doing way.") They will see the beautiful artwork. They will read the exciting stories. They can listen to the dramatized narrations and, finally, they can be involved in learning and reinforcement through the added activities.

Now our complete Bible Library is designed for the whole family. Along with the Children's part comes the companion Adult part. This is designed so the whole family can be studying the same thing at the same time. This covers the same materials as the children's part just on an adult level. Remember how we saw where to find things in the Bible? Well, you may have also seen that it shows where to find the stories in this series as well. (Show the beginning of a chapter and note where it shows the reference to this set.)

(Show the covers or picture of the set.) With this the *Patriarchs and Prophets* and the *Prophets and Kings* cover the Old Testament, the *Desire of Ages* covers the life of Christ, and the *Acts of the Apostles* covers the book of Acts and the writings of the Apostle Paul. And the last book *The Great Controversy* covers the books of Daniel and Revelation, the prophecy books of the Bible. (Give your canvass for this set.)

Now the Volume 7 is what I call the master volume to the series. It is special because of several reasons. First, volume 7 tells the history of the great heroes of the Christian faith. It picks up from Bible times and comes down to our day telling the stories of Martin Luther, Calvin, Huss, and Jerome. You will read stories of the Waldensians who stood for their faith in times of great persecution. Then you will come down to our times. You know Mrs. _____, the great stories of God's leading are still to be written. As we raise our families, we want them to grow to be great people of faith just like the people of the Bible, don't we?

In the back of the volume 7 you will find the next reason why this series is loved; **the indexes to the entire series.** There are actually three indexes. The indexes cover all seven volumes so you can come to one convenient place to find whatever you are looking for in the set. The first index lists all of the **Titles** of the stories found in the series. It starts with "The Fallen Angel" (page 178) which is the first story in volume one and lists them all the way over to "God's Perfect Playground" (page 182) taken from the book of Revelation. That is over 270 stories which means if you read a story every day during the week, you will cover the entire Bible in about a year's time.

The second index lists the **Topics**. Here you will find over 149 topical categories from Acceptance all the way over to Worship. Maybe you want to find stories about Angels or Cheerfulness or maybe Complaining - I am sure that one never happens in your home. (Smile and laugh.) You can find stories to teach your children all of the character lessons you want them to know. Most of the time, a story will get the point across a whole lot faster than a lecture.

The final index is all of the Bible men and women and where they are found in the set. That is 353 men and women from Aaron all the way over to Zwingli, one of the great reformers. You have them all. Many times I know the name of the person I want to read about but don't have any idea where to find them in the Bible; this makes it easy.

Mrs. _____, the most important part of the *Children's Century Classics* is **the lessons it teaches** our children. We can read through the Bible every year for the rest of our lives but if it doesn't change our lives, it hasn't done what it is

supposed to do. This set is designed to change lives. Listen to this beautiful appeal (volume 7, page 124) as it asks young people to accept the Savior.

“We know that Jesus loved us so much that He died to save us from our sins. We know that He is in the heavenly sanctuary as our High Priest helping us to fight against Satan’s temptations. We know that He wants to make us as white as snow, if we will just surrender our lives to Him. “The gift of God is eternal life,” and Jesus wants to give it to us. Why not accept that gift today?”

Isn’t that beautiful?

My favorite picture in the set is found in volume 7. Your Bible and mine say that one day Jesus is going to come back. Nobody knows what it will look like or exactly when it will be. (Open to page 165) But it does tell us that there will be two groups of people on that day; those that are ready to meet Him and those that are not ready. (Point at the different groups.) Mrs. _____, I know which group I want to be in, don’t you? The group that is ready. And that is exactly what the *Children’s Century Classics* are all about; to help every member of the family to be ready to meet Him on that day.

Do you have any questions about the series?

Move into the Close your leader has taught you.

Reserve or Alternate Appeal

(After mentioning the Second Coming, turn to volume 7, page 170.) The Bible says that Jesus will welcome us to himself and place a crown on our heads. What a great day that will be. There will be no more sickness, sorrow, pain, and suffering.

It is stated beautifully here as the CCC series comes to an end. (Volume 7, page 176)

“This has all been made possible because He sent His only Son to die for us, ‘that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life’ (John 3:16). That is the story of the great controversy between good and evil. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats throughout the vast creation. From the Creator of all things flow life, light, and gladness throughout the vast reaches of space. From the tiniest atom to the greatest world, all things in their beauty and perfect joy declare that ‘God is love.’ I can’t wait to be there. How about you?”

