

## Requirements

### 1. Reading

- a. *Children, A Biblical Perspective* by Sam Doherty. CEF – Specialized Book Ministry (Lisburn, Ireland)
  - Foreword/Introduction/Section 1 (pages i-10)
  - Section II, Chapter 2 (pages 16-21)
  - Section III, Chapters 1-4 (pages 30-89)
  - Section V (pages 122-127)
  - Section VII (pages 161-201, 224-227)
- b. *Joining Children on the Spiritual Journey* by Catherine Stonehouse. Baker Books (Grand Rapids, MI). 1998.
  - Chapter 2, pages 23-41
  - Chapter 3, pages 43-68
  - Chapter 4, pages 69-91
  - Chapter 6, pages 127-143
- \*c. *Childhood Education in the Church* by Roy Zuck. Moody Press (Chicago, IL), 1986.
  - Chapter 20, pages 347-362
  - Chapter 23, pages 399-415
- d. *Safe in the Arms of God* by John MacArthur. Nelson Books (Nashville, TN), 2003.

### 2. Defense paper on child conversion

## Requirements for Defense Paper

You are to write a paper defending child evangelism based on the following criteria. Follow principles of Chicago-Turabian style.

### General requirements:

1. 12 page minimum – 20 page maximum (does **NOT** include the title page, table of contents or bibliography page)
2. Title page – Title of paper, instructor's name(s), your name, date
3. Table of Contents
4. Double spaced, 10-12 point type (Times New Roman, Calibri [12 pt], Verdana, Arial [10 pt])
5. **Bold** each heading.
6. **DO NOT** type out the scripture portion—type small portions as they relate to the topic.
7. Note minimum paragraph requirement in each section. A paragraph must be at least 5 sentences.
8. Pages must be numbered, excluding the Title page and Table of Contents pages. The first page of the paper will start with page 3.
9. Include in-text citations.  
Inserting citations:  
Immediately after the quotation or source information, cite the source with author's last name or title if there is no author and year of publication enclosed in parentheses. Follow CMI Citation Guide.  
[chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools\\_citationguide.html](http://chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html)
10. To support your arguments, **at least three** quotes from Christian leaders must be used. These should be spaced throughout the paper and documented in the footnotes.
11. Include a bibliography page at the end of your paper.

### Specific requirements:

—**Introduction:** Establish the need to evangelize children

- a. Minimum of two paragraphs
- b. Include the following:
  1. Scripture
  2. At least one quote from a Christian leader on child evangelism
  3. Statistics

—**Body:** Detailed discussion of the biblical basis of child evangelism. Use the passages listed below. Explain each biblical passage, drawing logical conclusions based on lectures, reading and personal research. Included in the body are the four philosophies, supporting evidence for child evangelism and the Christian's responsibility today, as discussed in class or found in personal research.

**Note: Do not include your personal opinion about what we should be doing today in regards to teaching our children. Simply explain what the passages teach.**

—**Old Testament Passages**

Deuteronomy 4:1-10; Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Deuteronomy 31:9-13; Psalm 78:1-8

**Requirements:**

- a. One paragraph minimum for each passage (*at least half a page in length*)
- b. Include key Hebrew words; explaining their meanings in relation to child evangelism
- c. Include appropriate quotes or illustrations
- d. Other supporting scripture
- e. Draw a conclusion about how these passages relate to child conversion today

**—The Gospels**

Matthew 18:1-14 – two page minimum (*in depth*)

Mark 10:13-16 – one page minimum

**Requirements:**

- a. Include key Greek words; explaining their meanings in relation to child evangelism
- b. Include appropriate quotes or illustrations
- c. Other supporting scripture

**—The Epistles**

Ephesians 1:1-3; 6:1-4; Colossians 1:1-2; 3:20-21; Titus 1:6

**Requirements:**

- a. One paragraph minimum for each passage (at least half page in length)
- b. Include key Greek words; explaining their meanings in relation to child evangelism
- c. Include appropriate quotes or illustrations
- d. Other support scripture

**—Discuss the Four Philosophies**

- a. Type out (single spaced, even when shorter than 5 lines) the philosophy **exactly** as stated in the class notes
- b. Include at least one full paragraph on why YOU agree or disagree
- c. Use scripture to support your belief
- d. Include quotes, testimonies, statistics or illustrations, if appropriate

**—Other supporting evidence to be included throughout the paper**

- a. Your personal testimony (or someone who was saved as a child) – one paragraph
- b. Testimonies of Christian leaders saved at an early age
- c. Requirements for salvation—faith vs. reason – one paragraph

**—Discuss the Christians responsibility today – one paragraph minimum**

**—Conclusion**

Draw the paper together with final conclusions about child conversion – **one or two paragraphs**

## Checklist for Defense Paper

- \_\_\_\_\_ Established the need
- \_\_\_\_\_ Old Testaments passages discussed (at least one paragraph each)
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Gospels
  - Two page discussion on Matthew
  - One page discussion on Mark
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Epistles discussed (at least one paragraph each)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Four Philosophies typed out and discussed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other supporting evidence included
- \_\_\_\_\_ Quotes, statistics, ages of Christian leaders' salvation included throughout
- \_\_\_\_\_ Christians' responsibility (at least one paragraph)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Conclusion (at least one paragraph)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check spelling, grammar, punctuation (also have someone else proofread it)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Title page
- \_\_\_\_\_ In-text citations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bibliography
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pages numbered

**NOTE: Use this sheet to ensure that each part of the paper is complete.**

## DEFENSE PAPER GRADE SHEET

Details with Defense Paper	Points Possible	Points Received	Comments
Established need to evangelize children	10		
Dealt with different philosophies about child evangelism--refuting their claims	20		
Exposition of Biblical Basis--Old Testament Passages	10		
Exposition of Matthew 18	20		
Exposition of Mark 10/The Epistles	10		
Use of other supporting evidence that children can be saved (testimony, statistics, testimony of Christian leaders, requirement for salvation, faith)	10		
Three quotes from Christian leaders	5		
Discussed the Christian's Responsibility	5		
Drew Logical Conclusion	5		
Grammar, Spelling, Formatting	5		
Additional Pertinent Information			

Additional Comments: