We must never lose sight of those small indications of spiritual growth.

I'm reminded of a kid I'll call Joey. A couple weeks before he visited Sunday school. His teacher talked to Joey after class and realized that he knew nothing about Jesus' death on the cross for his sins. That morning Joey trusted Jesus Christ as his Savior from sin. He seemed genuinely excited and continued to come back to church.

One week as his teacher passed a group of boys on his way into the church, he noticed Joey had brought a new kid to Sunday school. Joey and his buddy were telling a dirty joke using some pretty crass language as the teacher walked by.

Now don't miss the magic of that morning!

We certainly can't condone the foul talk—but Joey's the only kid who'd brought an unsaved friend for a very long time.

A wise teacher will not only plan to address the coarse language but also rejoice with Joey about his desire to see that friend trust in Jesus.

Most Christians have not brought an unsaved friend to church for years.