Blessing over the Candles (for a woman to recite):

בָּרוּך אַתָּה יהוה אֱלהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם אַשֶּׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בִּמִצְוֹתִיו וְצְוָנוּ לְהַדְלִיק גֵר שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, e-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav, ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik ner shel yom tov.

Blessed are you, O LORD our God, King of the Universe, who has made us holy and has commanded us to light the festival light.

Blessing over the Wine:

בַּרוּך אַתַּה יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הַעוֹלַם בּוֹרֵא פָּרִי הַגַּפֶּן

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, e-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray p'ree ha-ga-fen.

Blessed are you, O LORD our God, King of the universe, who makes the fruit of the vine.

RESOURCES TO HELP REACH JEWISH PEOPLE WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

It is my prayer that the following resources will help encourage and equip you to be a better ambassador for Christ to all lost people, whether Jew or Gentile.

The following resources are just a few of the many more resources that can be downloaded for free at https://Luke-15.org/resources. Please feel free to take anything you'd like from that site and share with other to the glory of God!

General Evangelism Resources:

- Hell's Best Kept Secret: Listen to Bible teacher Ray Comfort make the case for using the "Law of God" (The Ten Commandments) as part of Biblical evangelism. I believe this is the most Biblical teaching on evangelism. I have ever heard and I cannot recommend it highly enough. https://Luke-15.org/hbks.mp3
- How To Witness to 4 Types of People: Listen to Bible teacher Ray Comfort teach you how to witness to 4 different types of people. In his characteristic wit and humor, Comfort will make the case that you don't need to memorize facts about each cult or religion, but Biblically use the Law of God to bring about conviction of sin. I HIGHLY recommend listening to this audio! This is a clip from the excellent sermon "True and False Conversions." https://Luke-15.org/How_to_witness_to_4_types_of_people.mp3
 Read the transcript at: https://Luke-15.org/4types/
 Watch the video on YouTube at: https://youtu.be/IvarqP086eQ
- Encouragement to Use Gospel Tracts: I used to think that using gospel tracts was ineffective, and even a bit "hokey." I have completely changed my mind about that now and have seen that God often uses gospel tracts very effectively. I wrote my reasons for why I changed my mind about tracts and provided practical tips for using them in a document you can read at: https://Luke-15.org/tracts/
- Way of the Master "Basic Training Course": I have been following the ministry of "Way of the Master" (Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort) for over 13 years and have been continually impressed with their excellent training materials and resources. Their "Basic Training Course" is filled with Theology, practical application, and they don't just tell you how to witness to people, but show you through the 8 lessons on DVD where they hit the streets and film actual witness encounters. I had the privilege of leading this course and recommend it highly. It's appropriate for a church-wide study, a small-group study, or even personal study. http://store.livingwaters.com/training-course/basic-training-course.html

Jewish Evangelism Resources:

- A Jew and His God: I am a Jew who believes in Jesus. And I realize that many people consider that odd. This short article is my story of how I came to believe that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah!

 https://mystory.great-news.org
- A Jew and His God How a Jewish man came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah: In April of 2008, I was invited to speak before a group of Christian businessmen. They wanted me to share my testimony of how I came to believe that Jesus was the Jewish Messiah. They also asked me to give a biblical gospel presentation. This is the audio from that presentation. https://Luke-15.org/A_Jew_and_His_God.mp3
 You can view this on video in the "Judaism" section at: https://luke-15.org/videos/#judaism
- ☆ Are Christian Doctrines Anti-Jewish?: This essay analyzes many Christian doctrines to show that they all have their origin in Jewish teaching. It is not un-Jewish to believe in the Trinity, baptism, the New Testament, et cetera. https://Luke-15.org/Are_Christian_Doctrines_Anti_Jewish.pdf
- Tips for Sharing the Gospel with Jewish People (or... The Gospel According to Fiddler on the Roof): I read a question on an evangelism message board about how to reach out to unsaved Jewish people, and I posted a lengthy response. Here's what I wrote: https://luke-15.org/tips-for-sharing-the-gospel-with-jewish-people/
- □ Jewish Christianity: Biblical Norm to Modern Contradiction: In Jesus' day, just about everyone who believed in Jesus were Jewish and remained Jewish, but today many people believe it's a contradiction to be Jewish and Christian. In 1995, as a Senior at the University of New Hampshire, I wrote my Honor's Thesis analyzing historically how it came to be that mainstream Jews began to ostracize Jews who believe in Jesus. This Thesis explores what happened over the past 2,000 years to put a schism between Judaism and Christianity, including the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD, the revolt against the Romans led by Bar Cochba, and more.

 https://Luke-15.org/Jewish_Christianity.pdf
- ₩ World Religions in a Nutshell: Judaism: World Religions in a Nutshell is a handy, practical reference book with helpful tips for reaching lost people in a number of false religions. Living Waters Publications gave the first chapter away for free, and it was the chapter on Judaism! This short chapter provides an excellent background on the three major branches of Judaism today, and gives helpful "do's" and "don'ts" when witnessing to an unsaved Jewish person. https://Luke-15.org/World_Religions_Judaism.pdf
- ☆ The Gospel According to Moses: This is a recording of a speech I made on why and how we celebrate the Jewish holiday "Passover." I show how the message of Jesus Christ is clearly foreshadowed in the story of the Passover. https://Luke-15.org/gatm.mp3
- Passover Seder: This is a recording of a Passover Seder I had the privilege of leading in April of 2006. The story of Jesus is found all throughout the Seder, and that makes Passover an exciting and relevant holiday for both Jews and Gentiles. https://Luke-15.org/seder_2006.mp3
- ➡ Highlights From a Passover Seder: This video has clips from the above Passover Seder. You can view this video in the "Judaism" section at: https://luke-15.org/videos/#judaism
- A Passover Haggadah: A Haggadah is the book that contains the liturgy for a Seder. I wrote this Haggadah specifically for the above Seder, and it's useful to have if you want to follow along with the Seder or run your own! https://Luke-15.org/haggadah.pdf

I hope these resources will be a help to you in your ministry. These are just a handful of the many resources available at https://Luke-15.org/resources. All of them are free, and you're welcome to share them with anyone you think would be blessed by them. And please feel free to contact me anytime if I can be a help in any way!

May God bless you as you sow seeds for the Kingdom of God!

in Christ and for His glory,

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