

# PARENT RESOURCE



## Assurance of Salvation

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Dear Parents,

As your child learns more about God and grows in their relationship with Him, it is completely normal for them to need assurance of their salvation.

We encourage you to take time to engage in conversations with your child and help them remember that they do not need to regularly ask Jesus to be their Lord and Savior if they, by faith, did that in the past. Jesus promised He would never leave them. When they experience conviction of sin, they need to be obedient and respond by confessing/repenting of their sin, choosing to go the other way, and continuing to follow Jesus as their forgiver, leader, and friend. Thank you for taking the time to have these important conversations!

Please contact us if you have questions or need any support as you disciple your children in their faith journey. It is our pleasure to partner with you, as you lead your family in the ways of Jesus.

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Say,** " \_\_\_\_ (child's name), when you made a decision to follow Jesus, you chose to live your life God's way. When you did that, God says you were adopted into His family."

**Read 1 John 1:9,** "But God is faithful and fair. If we confess our sins, He will forgive our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure." (NIRV)

**Ask your child,** "What does the word confess mean?" (to tell what you did).

**Ask your child,** "What is sin?" (anything we say, think or do that is wrong/goes against God's best or plan/purpose for our lives).

**Say,** "All of us, even grownups, still have things that we do, say, or think that separate us from God. We all sin and sometimes choose to do things our way ... instead of God's way. Because we have a relationship with God we can go to Him anytime and ask Him for forgiveness!"

**Ask your child,** "So, if we confess our sins, what does this verse say God will do?" (God will forgive us).

**Ask your child,** "When you do something wrong that makes me or someone else in our family upset/angry ... are you still our child? Did we kick you out of the family?" (of course not!)

**Say,** "The same is for Christians - those of us who follow Jesus. When we sin as a Christian, it makes God sad because we disobeyed Him. But God doesn't say we are no longer His children. We definitely have to make things right by being sorry and confessing our sin, but we are still 100% His child!"

**Say,** "When you are reminded in your mind/heart that you have sinned, that is the Holy Spirit convicting you. When you feel that conviction, you need to be obedient to God and confess your sin, choose to go the right way, and then continue forward as you follow Jesus."

Direct them back to God's word to remember that Jesus will never leave us.

**Read Hebrews 13:5,** "Jesus said ... 'Never will I leave you...'"

**Say,** "There is an easy way to help us remember Jesus' promise that He will never leave us. Put your hand out in front of you. As we say each word, you are going to curl your finger in towards the palm of your hand and then have your thumb point at you at the end"

**Say,** "Jesus Says ...

- **"Never"** ... (curl pinkie in)
- **"Will"** ... (curl fourth finger in)
- **"I"** ... (curl middle finger in)
- **"Leave"** ... (curl pointer finger in)
- **"YOU"** (point thumb at yourself)



**Say,** "That is the promise that Jesus makes to you! Jesus never breaks His promise. Because Jesus promises to be with His followers and since you asked Him to be your forgiver, friend, Lord, and Savior ... He is with you. He will NEVER leave you."

**Pray together.**