



PARENT RESOURCE

Leading your child into a
relationship with Jesus.

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Hey Grown Ups!

We love having fun together in Children's Ministries. From games to high-energy worship and lots of great activities, we want to make sure kids are having fun connecting with each other, their leaders and God! While fun matters to us, we are also about something bigger than fun. That something is actually a *Someone ... Jesus*. Each week, we learn from God's word (the Bible) and talk about how it applies to our lives today.

We have created this resource to help you have a conversation with your child about making a first-time decision to follow Jesus. The following is some language that we commonly use when walking children through making a decision to follow Jesus:

- ✓ As a church, we believe that nobody is perfect. We believe that we all do things wrong - we call that *sin*. Sin is anything that we do, say, or think that is against God's way or plan for our lives.
- ✓ The Bible teaches that sin keeps us separated from God (Romans 3:23) and we can never do enough good things, be a good enough person, or work hard enough to make things right again.
- ✓ The *only* way we can be restored back to God, in right relationship with Him, is through Jesus. Because of what Jesus did during His life on Earth - was born, lived a perfect life, chose to die on a cross to pay the punishment for our sins, and finally rise again - we can know God. We can be forgiven for all of our wrongdoings, be part of God's family, and have a real relationship with Jesus that impacts our lives today.
- ✓ We call this *salvation*. Salvation is a free gift available to anyone who is able to understand it and make a decision to follow Jesus - including children. All that is required to 'be saved' is to: **A**dmit that we have done wrong, **B**elieve that Jesus was the Son of God and died for the punishment of our sins, and **C**hoose to follow Him for the rest of our lives.

When you feel it is the right time for you to have this discussion with your child, please go through this resource with them. This is an amazing opportunity for you to lead your child to admit, believe, and choose Jesus.

We believe that making the decision to follow Jesus is the most exciting choice on the planet. Jesus tells us that He came to give us life full of joy, hope, and peace and we are excited your child wants to be part of that.

This is an important time in the life of your child and we want to partner with you to help your child grow in their relationship with Jesus. You are not alone! Please let us know how we can support you, answer questions, or pray with you.

Be blessed as you lead your family.

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STEP 1

**GOD LOVES
YOU AND HAS
A PLAN FOR
YOUR LIFE.**

"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life."

—John 3:16

"I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

—John 10:10

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STEP 2

**SIN KEEPS
YOU AWAY
FROM GOD.**

"Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory."

—Romans 3:23

Sin is anything we do, say, or think that is against God's way. People often try to make up for sin and get to God by doing a lot of good things. But there's only one way to reach God.



STEP 3

ONLY ONE WAY TO GOD:

THE CROSS

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

—John 14:6

JESUS

**IS THE
ONLY WAY.**



STEP 4

OUR RESPONSE:

TRUST JESUS

"Say with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord.' Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved."

—Romans 10:9

"Some people did accept him. They believed in his name. He gave them the right to become children of God."

—John 1:12



WILL YOU ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST RIGHT NOW?

HERE'S HOW:

- 1. Admit your need. (I'm a sinner.)***
- 2. Be willing to turn away from your sins and ask God to forgive you.***
- 3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and came to life again.***
- 4. Pray a prayer like this:***

"Dear God, I know that I have sinned, and I'm sorry. Please forgive me and change me. I believe Your Son, Jesus, died for my sins and You raised Him from the dead. I want to follow and obey Jesus all of my life. Thank You for loving me and making me Your child. In Jesus' Name, amen."

(Resource from Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)

MADE A DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS?

QUESTIONS? NEED HELP?

We want to hear from you!

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