

SALVATION GUIDE

For Elementary Parents



HEY PARENTS!

This is an exciting time in your child's life! Your kids are asking important questions, seeking God, and learning what it means to follow Jesus! These are the moments we pray for as parents, but sometimes we find ourselves faced with questions that we are wrestling with ourselves. Questions that may not have a simple answer. Especially when it comes to our walk with Jesus. And that's ok! Questions are not the end of faith, but more often the beginning of faith. If your kids are asking questions about life, God, the Bible, etc. that's exciting and provides a unique opportunity for you to present the Gospel and introduce them to Jesus.

This guide is designed to help you navigate salvation conversations with your elementary kids. To assist you in asking important questions, providing answers, and leveraging life moments for the Kingdom.

This guide is not an answer to every questions and circumstance. No guide, book or video could be. The greatest way for us to impart faith in our kids is to be close to God ourselves. So as you enter into these discussions, pray like never before. Study the Bible, seek Godly counsel, and allow God to guide you. And always know, our church leadership is praying for you and here with you every step of your parenting journey!

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So your child is starting to ask questions about salvation. Maybe you're hearing questions like...

"Where is heaven?"

"How do I go to Heaven?"

"What is a Christian?"

"Why did Jesus die on a cross?"

Whatever the case, these are amazing moments to beginning talking about salvation with your kids. Here are some key points to helping them have a solid understanding of what salvation means.

HOW DO I GET INTO HEAVEN?

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.-John 14:6

Jesus is the way to heaven. Only through faith in Jesus can we be forgiven of our sins and be reconciled to God.

WHAT IS SIN?

**For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.
-Romans 3:23**

It's important for your child to understand what sin is and what it isn't. It's easy to see sin as a "disease" that we catch like a cold. Sin is is much more than that. Sin is when we disobey God. When we live for ourselves instead of living to honor God. We are all sinners because we have disobeyed God. Sin is serious. Sin breaks the heart of God, hurts those around us, and separates us from God, now and forever.

As long as we are living in our sin, we cannot live with God. Our sin is serious and there's nothing we can do to save ourself. We need someone to come and save us.

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HOW CAN MY SINS BE FORGIVEN?

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.-John 3:16

The wonderful message of the Bible is that God loves all people. He wants to forgive our sins and have a relationship with us. There's just one problem. Sin has to be punished. If it isn't, then people will continue to sin.

Jesus is the answer to this problem. The entire Bible revolves around Jesus and what he came to accomplish. Jesus is the Son of God. He came to this world, lived just like us, but with one huge difference. He never sinned. He never disobeyed God. So Jesus did what no one else could do. He gave up His perfect life in our place. He took the punishment that we deserve by dying on the cross so that we could go free.

But the best part of the story is that Jesus didn't just die. He rose from the dead! Jesus defeated death so that you and I can live forever with Jesus in heaven. God has said that because of everything Jesus has done, anyone who believes in Jesus, turns away from sin, and follows the example of Jesus will be forgiven and be in Heaven one day!

WHAT DO I DO TO BE SAVED

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.-Romans 10:9

Salvation is all about trusting in Jesus. Believing He is the Son of God, that He died for your sins, rose from the dead and is the only way to God.

So this is your chance to pray for and with your child. There is no "sinners prayer" that saves us, but through praying to Jesus, admitting we are sinners, and expressing our faith in Him, we can be saved. So take this moment to pray for your kids, but also encourage them to pray to God for themselves.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Celebrate!

This is a time to celebrate with your kids! Not just for one moment. Mark it on your calendar and celebrate every year.

Read & Pray

Begin helping your child build regular Bible reading and prayer into their lives. The best way to do this is to make sure that it's already part of your family life.

Get Involved

One of the best ways to foster faith in your child is to get them consistently involved at church. This helps build strong relationships, experience God, and use their gifts to help others.

Share Your Story

One of the most important tools you have in discipling your children is your testimony. Be open and vulnerable with your kids. Share with them your struggles and how Jesus rescued you. This creates trust, safety, and open doors to speak into their lives.

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