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ADULT LEADERS

The goal of this booklet is to help children who have been recently saved begin their journey with Jesus. It is highly recommended that an adult leader read through it with the child.

Your presence to answer questions and affirm the child's understanding is important. The booklet is divided into three primary sections and can be consumed in one to three sessions.



WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

Today is a special day. You asked Jesus into your life and got a new Friend! Everyone likes making new friends, but this Friend is special.

Jesus is always ready to listen about your day. He will help you when life is hard. He will be with you no matter what. In good times and bad times, Jesus will never leave you. Isn't that awesome?

Knowing Jesus is your Friend is just the beginning. A lot more happened when you asked Jesus to come into your life. That's what this book will help you figure out.

- ? Think about one of your best friends.
What do you like most about him or her?

? Do you think Jesus might be like that too?

THE BEGINNING

A very long time ago, God made everything. He made the stars, the mountains, the animals, and even people. God loves people and made a beautiful place for them to live.

Check it out later in Genesis 1:1, 26–27.

From the beginning, God wanted to be close to people. He wanted to care for their needs and show them love. But people started making bad choices that moved them away from Him.

Everyone has done something bad like this. We call those bad things sin. A very important book called the Bible tells us this. It says, “For all have sinned” (Romans 3:23).

The first people who sinned hid from God. They felt bad inside because of what they had

done. God wants us to be close to Him, but sin takes us away from the One who loves us the most! And running away from God leads to trouble.

Think about what happens when you don't obey your parents or teachers. You usually get into trouble because they want to protect you from bad choices.

? Why do you think people do bad things even when they could get into trouble?

God wants to protect us too. But when we disobey Him, it takes us out of His protection, and that means being punished. The punishment is being separated from Him and all the good things He has for us.

THE GOOD NEWS

But there's good news. God wants you to be part of His family and to give you love, peace, and joy! That doesn't mean your family at home goes away. It means that God loves you

and wants to be close to you like a family member. So, a long time ago God sent His Son, Jesus, to help us be close to Him. Jesus came to earth and did something very special that no one else has ever done.

Check it out later in John 3:16–17.

Even though we did bad things and were going to be punished, Jesus took the punishment for our sin. Now, we can ask Him to forgive our sins and trust that He will do it! The Bible says, “Everyone who believes in [Jesus] receives forgiveness of sins through his name” (Acts 10:43).

Check it out later in Romans 10:9–10.

You just did that, and He forgave you for every bad thing you’ve ever done. Doesn’t that feel great? God has forgotten all the bad things you’ve done.

Have you read a book or watched a show where the hero saves someone? Jesus is the

kind of Hero that saves everyone who trusts in Him. In 1 Timothy 1:15 the Bible says, “Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” He saved you, and He called you one of His own! You’re now a part of His family!

? Jesus did some special things for us. Who are some people you want to tell about Jesus?

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

THINGS ARE DIFFERENT

When you asked Jesus into your life, something changed. Now things are different.

Have you had a haircut? Sometimes you get a lot of hair cut off and it makes you feel lighter

or different. Some people are like this and say that they feel different after Jesus saved them. They feel happy or calm and peaceful.

But sometimes you get a haircut and don't feel different. It seems like nothing has changed. Some people are like this after asking Jesus into their lives. They don't feel very different. They still have problems and they sometimes still want to do wrong things.

 How do you feel now that you've asked Jesus into your life? Do you feel different or the same?

It's okay if you feel different inside. But it's also okay if everything feels the same. You are saved because you trust Jesus. We call that faith. The Bible says, "You have been saved, through faith" (Ephesians 2:8).

You don't have to feel different to be saved. Your feelings today may change tomorrow, but what Jesus did for you will never change. Jesus

will always be your Friend and Savior no matter what you feel like.

CELEBRATE!

Becoming a Christian is the start of a new and exciting part of your life. You are now a part of God's family. He loves you and wants the best for you. And now, your new Friend, Jesus, is ready to help you like a good, big brother.

Check it out later in Hebrews 2:11–12.

You have a reason to be excited! The Bible says, "There is rejoicing . . . over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10). That means God and those around Him are celebrating because you asked Jesus into your life. It's time to celebrate!

! Be excited that you asked Jesus into your life! Tell your parents or anyone that takes care of you at home about this good news.



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WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

When you play a new game, you learn new rules and new words. The first time you played Tag, you learned what “You’re it” means and how to tag someone. Now that you asked Jesus into your life, there are some new things to learn too.

You’re now a Christian! A Christian is someone who follows and obeys Jesus. Have you ever played Follow the Leader? It’s the game where you copy every move the leader makes. If the leader jumps, you jump. If the leader waves a hand, you wave your hand. Following Jesus is kind of like this.

Check it out later in Ephesians 5:1–2.

You should live like Jesus, and how He told us to live. Jesus loves everyone, so you should

love everyone. Jesus helped people who were poor and sick, and you should too. Jesus is our Leader and we should be like Him.

? Jesus was kind to others. What is something kind you can do for someone this week?

GOD'S CHURCH

Following Jesus is not something you do alone. You do it with friends who trust in Jesus too. This is called the Church. The Church is made of all the people who are followers of Jesus. We also call the place where they meet a church.

Going to church will become a big part of your life. At church, you'll find out how to be a Christian. You'll spend time with Christian friends. You can pray, sing, and learn new things from the Bible too.

Not only will Jesus never leave you, you always get to be a part of God's Church. One

day, everyone who follows Jesus will get to be with Him forever. God's Church will be with Jesus in a place with no pain, sadness, or sickness.

Check it out later in John 14:2 and Revelation 21:4.

- ? What about church seems most exciting?
- ? What makes you scared? Share any feelings you have with the adult reading with you.

JESUS WANTS TO TALK WITH YOU

Do you like talking with friends? It can be great. Now that you're friends with Jesus, He wants to talk with you too. But because Jesus isn't on earth right now, we talk with Him in some special ways.

READ: One way to hear from Jesus is by reading the Bible. The Bible is God's message to

you and His plan for how to live. It's full of awesome stories, poems, and things Jesus said. It also tells you how much God loves and cares for you.

To learn more about Jesus, find a Bible that is easy to read and understand. Ask your parents or a pastor to help find one that is best for you. Try to read some every day. Start with five or ten minutes, and do more when you're ready. The Book of Mark is a good place to start.

If you find a part that feels important to you, write it down. Try to memorize it so you have it with you all the time!

TALK: Another way Jesus talks with you is called prayer. You don't see Jesus like you see a friend at school, but you can talk to Him just like a friend. Prayer is just talking to Jesus.

By praying, you can let Jesus know what you're thinking, things you need, and even how much you love Him. Don't worry about using the right words. Jesus is your Friend,

and He just wants you to talk with Him. Jesus taught that we “should always pray and not give up” (Luke 18:1). He is always listening!

LISTEN: When you spend time talking to Jesus, make sure you listen for Him to talk to you. He does this through the Holy Spirit who is now with you.

Check it out later in 1 John 5:14.

Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to lead us and help us. The Holy Spirit will tell you when something is not right and will help you know what Jesus wants you to do. When the Holy Spirit speaks, listen and be ready to obey. The Holy Spirit may speak to you out loud like you would talk to a friend (Exodus 33:9), but most people hear Him speak in a gentle whisper or in their thoughts (1 Kings 19:12).

? Ask the adult reading this book with you about a time the Holy Spirit spoke to him or her.

BE YOUR VERY BEST

Now that you're a Christian, it's important to do the right things. But sometimes that can be hard. Even people who have been Christians for a long time sometimes mess up and sin.

When you mess up, don't get angry and give up. Jesus still loves you and wants to forgive you! Here's what you need to do to get back on track.

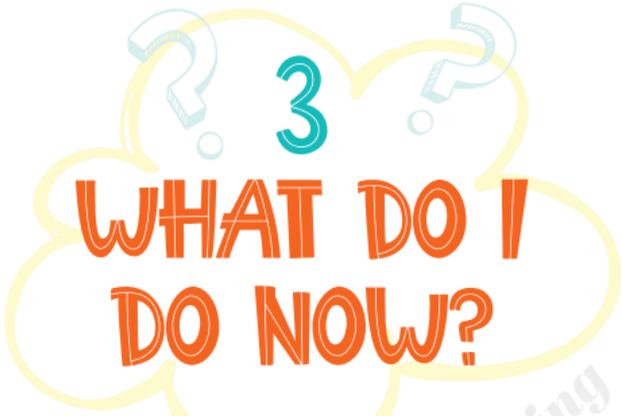
First, you need to pray and tell God that you messed up. The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins" (1 John 1:9). That means if you tell God that you messed up, He will forgive you.

Second, try hard not to do it again. The Bible tells about a time Jesus helped a woman who was sinning. He told her, "Go now and leave your life of sin" (John 8:11). After Jesus forgives us, He wants us to do our very best not to sin again.

You may mess up and sin some days. But every morning is a chance to be better than the day before! As you learn more about God and listen to the Holy Spirit, you can be more like Jesus every day!

! Talk with an adult about a time you didn't do the right thing.

? How would you do it differently now?



WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Now that you're ready to follow Jesus, there are a few things you need to do. You already know about reading the Bible and praying. Here are some other new parts of your life as a Christian.

SPEND TIME WITH CHRISTIANS

Remember, you're a part of God's Church now. That means part of your day needs to be with other Christians. Being around them helps you be a better follower of Jesus.

- ! If you don't go to church, talk to the adult with you. He or she can help you find one.

Your church is a great place to find Christian friends. You might know people at school or home who are Christians too. Let them know that you're a Christian, and talk with them often about Jesus.

USE WHAT YOU HAVE TO GIVE

One way to be more like Jesus is by giving to others. There are lots of ways you can give. You can help if someone has a problem. And if their problem is too big for you, ask Jesus to help them. Praying for others is helping too!

? What are some things you can share with others?

Sharing your money is another way to give. There are special times to give at church called offerings. During the offering, Christians give part of their money to Jesus.

If you have an allowance or have worked for money, you should give some in the offering. It's easy to give when you remember God gave

us Jesus. The Bible says, “God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

BE BAPTIZED IN WATER

Everyone who follows Jesus should be baptized in water (Matthew 28:19). This is a special time when you show others that you’re a Christian.

Christians can be baptized in a lake, river, pool, or even a bathtub. When you’re ready to be baptized, a pastor or trusted adult dips you fully under the water and then lifts you out of it.

This special time also helps us remember things Jesus has done for us. When we go under the water, we think about how Jesus died for our sin. When we come up out of the water, it reminds us that He came back to life so that we can live with Him forever!

! Ask the adult with you or a pastor about when you can be baptized in water.

BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

You already learned that Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to help you to be more like Him. That's not all the Holy Spirit can do! Before Jesus left earth, He told His followers to wait for the special gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift would help them tell the world about Jesus.

Check it out later in Acts 1:4–8.

After they waited, “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues” (Acts 2:4). God filled them with the Holy Spirit to give them the power to tell others about Jesus. He wants to give that to you too!

The Holy Spirit gives Christians power to live for Jesus and to share Him with others. It is a gift that the early Christians prayed for and received that is still available when you ask God for it.

Check it out later in Acts 2:1–4.

To discover more about the Holy Spirit, ask the person who gave you this booklet for a copy of *Now What? for Kids—Baptism in the Holy Spirit*.

The next time you pray, ask Jesus to fill you with the Holy Spirit.

TALK ABOUT YOUR NEW FRIEND

Your new Friend, Jesus, has done some awesome things for you! Someone told you about Him. Now it's your turn to tell other people. It may be hard or scary at first, but the more you tell others, the easier it will be.

One way to tell someone about Jesus is by talking about the time you asked Him into your life. You can share the things you've learned about Jesus, and let them know that Jesus wants to be their new Friend.

If they would like to become a Christian, ask them to pray the prayer below with you. Then

read the “Say This” part, and give them this book to read.

PRAY THIS:

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me and wanting to be my Friend and Savior. I'm sorry for the wrong things I've done, and I need You to save me. Please forgive me. I'm ready to follow You. Help me to live the way You want me to. Amen.

SAY THIS:

Now that you've prayed this prayer, you may be wondering “Now what?” That's a great question. This little book helped me know what to do. If you take it and read it, you will find out what happened and what to do next.

THE START

This isn't the end. It's just the start of following Jesus for the rest of your life. You're going to be a great Christian! Jesus is proud of you. He's happy you chose to follow Him.

You've learned a lot of new things from this book. On the next page you'll find a fun way to help you remember some of it and how to T.R.U.S.T. Jesus every day.

! If you have any questions about what you read, ask the adult with you.

Cut out the box on the next page and place it somewhere in your room to help you remember to T.R.U.S.T. Jesus every day!



Trust

Jesus!

Talk to Jesus by praying.

Read your Bible.

Use what you have to give to God and others.

Spend time with other Christians.

Tell everyone you can about Jesus.

YOU JUST ASKED JESUS INTO YOUR HEART— WHAT A BIG DAY!

Maybe you're wondering, "Now what?"
Good thing you have this book in your
hands!

Look inside with someone at church
or at home. You'll find tons of answers
to the questions you feel like asking.
Find out what to do next and what's
different about your life now. Then take
some time to celebrate that you just
made a brand-new Friend—Jesus!



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