



BELIEVING IN JESUS

Has your child begun to talk about what Jesus has done for them? When your kids are with us, they hear the Gospel and they are taught the truth that we are sinners and that Jesus is the only Savior. Regularly, as a part of their small group, we invite kids to put their faith in (or believe in) Jesus. If your child is talking about this with you, we encourage you to keep the conversation going in your home. Use this guide to lead your kid to believe in Jesus.

UNDERSTANDING BELIEVING IN JESUS

Believing in Jesus is a one-time decision where we believe in Jesus as our Savior. By putting your faith in Him, we become His child and nothing can take that away. After we believe in Jesus, we can know that God has forgiven us. He lives in us and promises heaven as our home. After believing in Jesus, we tell others about the decision we have made to believe in Christ. We tell people at church so that they can help us take our next step and grow. We tell our friends so that they might believe, too.

IS MY KID READY TO BELIEVE?

When our kids are young and they begin to process the Gospel, we are excited, but also somewhat uneasy with the conversation because we want to make sure they "get it." We ask questions like: Are they old enough to believe? Do they know enough to believe? If they believe now, will they forget it later? We are all searching for a way we can feel totally at ease while trusting they will "get it" in their heart and mind. Use these questions to discover what your child knows and believes:

- Why did God send Jesus and what did He do?
- How does God want me to respond to His gift?
- When I believe in Jesus, what happens?
- Who do I need to tell that I am a believer?

If your child understands why Jesus came (to pay for sins and to forgive us) and what He has done for us (died on the cross and rose again), we encourage you to pray with them to put their faith in Jesus. There are no magic words that need to be prayed. You are simply leading your kid to express their faith. You can have them repeat a prayer after you:

Jesus, thank you for coming from heaven to earth. Thank you for dying for my sin and for being raised again from the dead. Today, I believe in you as my Savior. Thank you for forgiving me and making heaven my forever home. I will live with you and for you forever. In Jesus Name, Amen.

WHAT DO I DO AFTER MY CHILD BELIEVES JESUS?

After your child believes in Jesus, celebrate with them and have them tell someone about their new faith. Encourage them to tell their small group leader so that we can celebrate with them and partner with you as they find a take their next steps. Also, encourage them to tell their family and friends so that they might believe, too. You can also begin to talk about their next step, baptism.

**time,
moments,
& milestones**
FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

"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**

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." **ROMANS 5:8**

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty of our sins." **ROMANS 3:23-24 (NLT)**

