

SALVATION GUIDE



A Parent
Conversation
Guide... for kids

WHAT NOT TO SAY

“Invite Jesus into your heart”-

Kids might find the phrase "inviting Jesus into my heart" confusing because they think in very concrete terms. It might worry them to think someone is actually living inside their real heart.

“You have to pray like this...”-

Kids will talk about their faith in the way they understand it at their age. Don't worry too much about them using the "right words." Instead, focus on the sincerity and feelings in their prayers.

Made up answers-

If you don't know the answer to your child's questions about faith, it's okay to say, "I don't know." There's a lot we don't understand about how God works and how the Holy Spirit is part of our lives, and that's perfectly fine.

HOW TO START

This is an exciting time for kids —they're curious about their faith, asking questions about God and His love for them. They might have questions about Jesus that you find challenging or that don't have simple answers. That's okay! It's the beginning of a lifelong conversation about faith. That's why we suggest starting with John 3:16. It tells about God's love, how He sent Jesus to be our Savior. It says, "God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will have eternal life" (John 3:16 NIV).



WHAT TO SAY

GOD LOVED:

God loved you even before you were born. He made you like Him, and He still loves you a lot. But there's something called sin that keeps us from being with God forever. Sin is the wrong stuff we do, and it stops us from living the way God wants us to. On our own, we can't fix this. We need God's help. Because God loves us, He found a way for all of us to be with Him forever.

ASK:

What is sin?

Have you ever sinned?

What is the problem with sin?

WHAT TO SAY

GOD GAVE:

God gave you the most important, valuable, and perfect thing He had because He loves you. He knew our mistakes would keep us from being with Him forever. We were separated from God, but because He loves us, He sent His son, Jesus, to fix that. Jesus came to make a way for you to be part of God's story. He sacrificed His life on the cross to pay for our mistakes, and three days later, He came back to life! His resurrection defeated death and makes it possible for us to have a relationship with God again.

ASK:

What did God give us?

What did Jesus do for us?

WHAT TO SAY

WHOEVER BELIEVES IN JESUS:

When you get a gift, what do you do? You open it. God says you can open His gift by believing, which means trusting. It's like sitting in a chair—you put all your weight on it, trusting it will hold you up. Believing in this gift means trusting Jesus with your whole life and knowing He died and came back to life for you.

ASK:

How can you take part in God's story?

What does it mean to trust in something?

How do you know that God loves you?