



# SALVATION FOR KIDS

IS MY CHILD READY TO BEGIN A LIFELONG JOURNEY WITH JESUS?

*Following Jesus is a lifelong journey that begins with a few basic steps. Below you'll find some thoughts to share, scriptures to explore and questions to ask your child as he/she expresses interest in salvation. Keep in mind, there is no magic formula. The goal is to cooperate with the Spirit in helping children recognize their own sin and come to understand and accept Jesus' work on the cross.*

## 1. GOD LOVES YOU | *Read 1 John 3:1*

God made you and He will love you forever! No matter what you do or where you go, God always sees you, knows you and loves you more than you can ever imagine. What are some ways God shows His love for you? How do you know God loves you?

## 2. SIN SEPARATES YOU FROM GOD | *Read Romans 3:23*

Sin is when we make wrong choices or do things God doesn't want us to do. Everyone sins, and our sin separates us from God. Where do you see sin in your life? What are some wrong choices you make?

## 3. JESUS DIED FOR YOU | *Read John 3:16*

Because God loves you, He made a way for you to be with Him forever. He sent Jesus, His perfect son. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for your sins. How does it feel to know that Jesus died for your sins?

## 4. JESUS ROSE AGAIN | *Read Mark 16:6*

Jesus didn't stay dead. He defeated death and evil by coming back to life and He is alive today. We can talk to him right now. If we believe Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins and rose from the dead, we can tell God we're sorry and ask God to forgive us and He will (1 John 1:9). Would you like to ask God to forgive your sins? If your child says yes, encourage him/her to say whatever he/she wants to God. It may take some slight guidance from you, but try to let it be his/her words as much as possible.

## 5. GOD GIVES YOU POWER TO LIVE | *Read 2 Peter 1:3*

Once you tell God you're sorry for making wrong choices and ask Jesus to forgive you, you can invite Jesus to be the leader of your life. Then God's Spirit will live in you to help you learn more about Him and know Him more. What are some ways you can learn more about God?

*How exciting! Now that you're a part of God's family, you can SHARE YOUR DECISION with others. Is there someone you want to tell about your decision to follow Jesus?*