



SO...WHAT NEXT?

If you put your trust in Jesus Christ and believe in Him as the One who forgives your sins and makes it possible for you to know God, we are so proud of you! There is not a greater decision you could make.

It is now time for you to begin to learn about what it means to follow Jesus and take steps to be more like Him in the way you live and share about this gift you were given.

We believe baptism is an important next step for you. Baptism is your way of taking your faith public. It's like shouting out, "Hey, I follow Jesus!"

If you're interested in learning more, visit our website, insidekidheights.org, or join us for **Start Here** as we partner with you to answer your child's biggest questions about salvation, baptism and Jesus.

SALVATION



KNOW. GROW. GO.



“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.”

JUST FOR PARENTS

This is an exciting time in your child's life. They're wondering about God and His love for them. They may be asking a lot of questions about their faith and Jesus - questions that you may struggle with yourself, or questions that may not have a simple answer. This is a guide to help you discover where your child is in their understanding of God's grace and what Jesus did for us.

TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Encourage your child to answer the questions for themselves. Avoid yes or no questions. “Open-ended” questions help a child open up his/her heart to you.
- Never jump to conclusions and avoid symbolic language.
- Remember:
 - Keep it brief. Children have limited attention spans. We don't need a decision the first time we talk about this, it's ok to take our time.
 - Let your child explain things in their terms and language. John 3:16 lays the foundation for God's love for us. We'll break the verse down phrase by phrase with some questions to help you start a conversation with your child(ren).

GOD LOVED

God loved you before you were even born. He created you in His image. He loves you right now. But there is something that separates us from Him, something that keeps us from being with Him forever. It's called sin. It's the stuff we do wrong. We can't do enough good things, help enough old ladies cross the street or go to church enough to fix our sin problem. We need God to step in and help. Because God loves us, He made a way for all of us to live with Him forever.

ASK YOUR CHILD:

1. What is sin? Have you ever sinned? (Romans 3:20, 23)
2. What is the problem with sin? (Romans 6:23)

GOD GAVE US JESUS

God gave the most important, valuable, and perfect thing He had for us. He knew our sin would keep us from living with Him forever. We're apart from God and would stay that way, but because God loved us, He gave His Son to fix that relationship. Jesus gave up His life on the cross to pay for our sin. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead! His resurrection defeated death and makes a relationship with God possible again.

ASK YOUR CHILD:

1. Why did God send Jesus as a gift? (Romans 5:8)
2. What did Jesus do for us? (Ephesians 2:8-9, Acts 4:12)

ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN JESUS

When you receive a gift what do you do? You open it. God said you could open His gift by believing. Believing simply means to trust. To open the gift God gave you, you admit to God that you're a sinner and need His forgiveness, believe that He died for you and rose again, and confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord (leader).

ASK YOUR CHILD:

1. What does it mean to trust in Jesus? (1 John 1:9, Romans 10:9,13)
2. How will your life be different now that you're following Jesus? (Matthew 28:18-20)

LIVES FOREVER

John 3:16 tells us that we receive eternal life when you believe in Jesus and trust Him to save you. That means you begin a new relationship with God that starts right away and goes on forever.

PRAYER:

If you feel comfortable with your child moving forward, it's our advice to let them pray on their own. This lets them express what they want and believe in their own words. We are not saved by praying a prayer, it's just a way of expressing our trust in Jesus. We are saved by putting our faith in Jesus as our Savior and Lord.