

# What is Salvation?

**John 3:16**-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 14:6**-Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**John 8:31-32**.."If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

**Acts 4:12**-Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

What is Sin? // How do I know I am a sinner? // What does it mean to become a Christian?

## A-Admit you are a sinner

- Admit you have sinned and disobeyed God.
- Tell God what you have done wrong and you are sorry.
- Tell Him you want to stop doing wrong.

**Romans 3:23**-For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**Romans 6:23**-For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## B-Believe Jesus died for your sins and rose from the dead

- Believe God loves you.
- Believe He sent His son, Jesus, to die on the cross for your sins and be your Savior.
- Believe God's promise to forgive your sins.

**1 Corinthians 15:34**—For what I have received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised not the third day according to Scriptures,

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

## C-Commit to trust Jesus alone

- Choose Jesus to be your Savior and best friend.
- Commit your life to Christ.
- Tell others what He has done for you.

**Romans 10:13**—For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**John 3:18**- Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

## **SALVATION Conversation Guide -** **Equipping you for Faith Conversations at Home**

Use the following questions to help you determine your child's understanding of what it means to commit their life to Christ. The main thing is for them to recognize their own sin separates them from God and that Jesus' death on the cross makes them right with God. Make sure you read the suggested passages as tools to help you!

**TO ASK:** *Who is Jesus?*

**ANSWER:** He is God's son. The only perfect person to walk on earth! (Look up and read Matthew 3:16-17)

**TO ASK:** *What is sin?*

**ANSWER:** Disobedience, simply put, when we make bad choices. Lying, cheating, stealing, angry outburst, thinking bad thoughts, etc.

**TO ASK:** *Have you ever sinned?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, we all sin. This is a good time to explain we all make mistakes and sin. You can give examples, and see if they will open up and share specific things they struggle with. (Look up and read Romans 3:2)

**TO ASK:** *What did Jesus do on the cross?*

**ANSWER:** He died.

**TO ASK:** *Why did he have to die?*

**ANSWER:** He chose to die so our sins could be forgiven, so that we could have a relationship (be friends) with God and so that one-day we could be with God in Heaven. (Look up and read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

**NOTE:** If you do not feel your child understands what sin is or that Jesus died to take our sins away, then simply say, "I'd like us to talk more about this over the next few months" and stop here. If you feel your child understands and would like to continue talking, then go to the next question.

**TO ASK:** *What happens to our sin when we ask Jesus to forgive us and we admit our sins out loud to God?*

**ANSWER:** Jesus forgives us and takes away our sin.

**TO ASK:** *Do you want to commit your life to Christ?*

**ANSWER:** Yes!

You can pray with your child by having them repeat these lines after you: "Dear Jesus, I know I am a sinner and I need you to save me. Thank you for dying on the cross so that all my sins can be forgiven. I want you to be the boss of my life. I commit my life to you. Help me live my life for you. Amen."

### **Congratulations!**

You have just led your child into a relationship with Jesus. There are few experiences as valuable as this. The next step is to have them start reading their Bible so they can learn more about Jesus and even what it means to be baptized.