



GKIDS

SALVATION
GUIDE



DEAR PARENTS,

WHAT AN AMAZING THING IT IS TO HAVE YOUR CHILDREN SAY YES TO JESUS! SALVATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION ANY OF US WILL EVER MAKE. IN CHOOSING TO FOLLOW JESUS, YOUR CHILD IS STARTING A JOURNEY WITH JESUS THAT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. AS THEY GROW UP, THEIR FAITH WILL BE FOUNDATIONAL IN WHO THEY WILL BECOME. THEIR CHOICES WILL BE SHAPED BY THEIR FAITH AND THEIR STEPS WILL BE ORDERED BY GOD. SALVATION IS SUCH A GIFT! WHETHER YOUR CHILD IS ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT SALVATION OR HAS ALREADY SAID YES TO FOLLOWING JESUS, THIS GUIDE IS FOR YOU. MAYBE YOU FEEL CONFIDENT ANSWERING QUESTIONS YOUR CHILD HAS ABOUT SALVATION, BUT MAYBE YOU DON'T. THIS GUIDE IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU ANSWER QUESTIONS WITH CONFIDENCE AND PROVIDE THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE THAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY WITH JESUS.

IN THIS GUIDE, WE WANT TO HELP YOU DO 2 BIG THINGS:

- HAVE MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT GOD AND SALVATION. SALVATION IS THE STARTING POINT IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. IF THIS SOUNDS INTIMIDATING, DON'T WORRY! YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT DISCIPLE-MAKER IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE. THESE CONVERSATIONS WILL HELP YOUR CHILD TO GROW INTO A FAITHFUL FOLLOWER OF JESUS.
- GAUGE YOUR CHILD'S UNDERSTANDING OF SALVATION AND DEVELOP A PLAN TO HELP THEM GROW IN THEIR FAITH. AS A PARENT, YOU PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN YOUR CHILD'S FAITH JOURNEY. YOUR CHILD WILL NEED YOUR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM AS THEY BEGIN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS AND WE WANT TO PROVIDE SOME TOOLS TO HELP.

DON'T WORRY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE AN ONLINE COURSE OR GO TO THEOLOGY SCHOOL TO HAVE THESE TALKS; YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO LEAD YOUR FAMILY RIGHT HERE! WE'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH SCRIPTURES THAT EXPLAIN SALVATION AND A FEW CONVERSATION-STARTING QUESTIONS. WHAT A BLESSING IT IS TO WALK WITH OUR KIDS THROUGH THIS MOMENT. AND IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT, THE GKIDS TEAM IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO HELP!



YOU'VE GOT THIS!
PASTOR LOGAN



UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS

THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT THING WHEN IT COMES TO TALKING ABOUT SALVATION WITH YOUR KIDS IS TO EXPLAIN WHY WE NEED TO BE SAVED AND HOW SALVATION TAKES PLACE. WE ARE SAVED WHEN WE REALIZE THAT WE NEED JESUS BECAUSE OF OUR SIN, WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN, AND WE MAKE A CHOICE TO LEAVE OUR SIN BEHIND AND FOLLOW JESUS. WALKING WITH THEM THROUGH THE ABC'S OF SALVATION IS A QUICK AND EASY WAY TO DO JUST THAT. TAKE YOUR TIME WITH THIS PART. THE ABCS ARE THREE KNOWLEDGE-BASED ACTIONS THAT HELP KIDS UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

A: ACCEPT THAT YOU NEED JESUS.

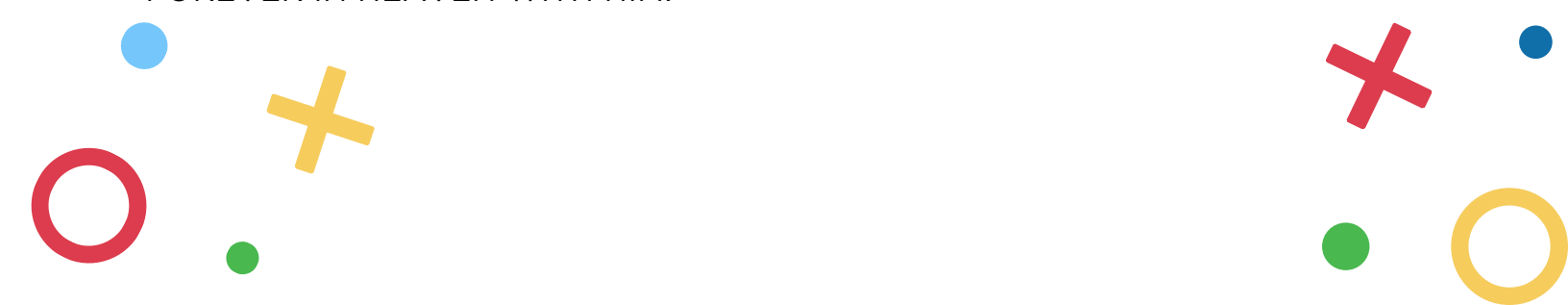
*"FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD."
ROMANS 3:23*

SIN IS ANY ACTION OR THOUGHT THAT GOES AGAINST GOD'S WORD. GOD HAS A PLAN FOR US AND WANTS TO BE OUR BEST FRIEND, BUT SIN GETS IN THE WAY OF THAT. WE MAY THINK THAT WE CAN DO IT ALL BY OURSELVES OR JUST BE A GOOD PERSON, BUT WE REALLY NEED JESUS! JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FORGIVE US AND HELP US TO OVERCOME OUR SIN.

B: BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN.

"JESUS ANSWERED, 'I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.'" JOHN 14:5-6

JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP US WITH SIN! JESUS LIVED A PERFECT LIFE, DIED ON THE CROSS, AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD - AND HE DID IT ALL SO WE CAN BE SAVED! BECAUSE OF JESUS, WE CAN SPEND FOREVER IN HEAVEN WITH HIM.





UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS

C: CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS.

*"FOR IT IS BY BELIEVING IN YOUR HEART THAT YOU ARE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD, AND IT IS BY OPENLY DECLARING YOUR FAITH THAT YOU ARE SAVED."
ROMANS 10:10*

SCRIPTURES TEACH US THAT JESUS HAS ALREADY DONE THE WORK ON THE CROSS, BUT WE HAVE TO CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT! WHEN WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND CHOOSE TO MAKE JESUS THE LORD OF OUR LIVES, EVERYTHING CHANGES. JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS SO WE CAN BE SAVED. WE GET TO CHOOSE TO FOLLOW HIM.

DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS AS A FAMILY!

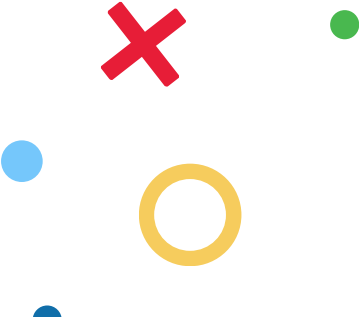
1. HAS EVERYONE SINNED? EVEN YOU? EVEN REALLY NICE PEOPLE?
 2. WHAT DID JESUS DO TO FORGIVE OUR SINS?
 3. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS GOD'S SON?
 4. WILL GOD FORGIVE US IF WE TRUST JESUS TO SAVE US? WHY?
 5. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SAVED?
 6. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO LIVE HOW JESUS LIVED?
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NEXT STEPS

WE ARE SAVED WHEN WE CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS, BUT THE JOURNEY DOESN'T END THERE. SALVATION IS THE START OF AN AMAZING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. TO MAINTAIN ANY RELATIONSHIP, WE HAVE TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO COMMUNICATE AND GET TO KNOW THE OTHER PERSON. THE SAME IS TRUE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. THERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP YOUR CHILD BEGIN AND MAINTAIN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. ULTIMATELY, THE DECISION TO CONTINUE IN THEIR FAITH IS UP TO THEM, BUT YOU CAN DEFINITELY PROVIDE SOME TOOLS THAT WILL HELP THEM ALONG THE WAY.

- **WORK TOGETHER TO PICK OUT THEIR OWN AGE-APPROPRIATE BIBLE.**
 - READING THEIR BIBLE EVERY DAY WILL BE A GAME CHANGER! THEY NEED TO BE IN THE WORD JUST LIKE WE DO. A GOOD BIBLE FOR KIDS WILL KEEP THEM ENGAGED AND LEARNING NEW THINGS. HERE ARE A FEW THAT WE RECOMMEND:
 - THE ONE YEAR BIBLE FOR KIDS: CHALLENGE EDITION
 - THE ACTION BIBLE
 - FOUNDATIONS: A 260 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR KIDS BY ROBBY AND KANDI GALLATY
 - THE JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE
 - **SET A SCHEDULE FOR FAMILY PRAYER.**
 - LEARNING TO PRAY IS CRUCIAL FOR YOUR CHILD'S SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT, AND THERE IS NO BETTER PERSON TO TEACH YOUR CHILD TO PRAY THAN YOU! AS YOU PRAY TOGETHER, YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO PRAY AND WHAT IT SHOULD SOUND LIKE. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE BIG FANCY WORDS; PRAYER IS ABOUT TALKING TO GOD OPENLY AND HONESTLY, LIKE YOU WOULD TALK TO A FRIEND. SET A DAILY OR WEEKLY TIME TO HAVE FAMILY PRAYER TOGETHER AND YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN TO PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE.
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NEXT STEPS

- **HELP YOUR CHILD ENGAGE WITH OTHER BELIEVERS.**
 - ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING THINGS ABOUT FOLLOWING JESUS IS THE COMMUNITY THAT COMES WITH IT. NOT ONLY DO WE RECEIVE THE ULTIMATE GIFT OF SALVATION, BUT WE ALSO GAIN THE SPECIAL PRIVILEGE OF BEING A PART OF A SUPPORTIVE CHURCH FAMILY. WHEN WE ARE IN COMMUNITY, WE HELP EACH OTHER ALONG THE JOURNEY. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR YOUR CHILDREN. GKIDS HAS SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES AS WELL AS MIDWEEK SMALL GROUPS SO THAT YOUR CHILDREN CAN CONNECT WITH OTHER KIDS AND LEADERS WHO CAN SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR FAITH.
- **START TALKING ABOUT WATER BAPTISM.**
 - AFTER WE SAY YES TO FOLLOWING JESUS, OUR NEXT STEP IS TO GO PUBLIC WITH OUR FAITH! BAPTISM IS THE WAY WE DO THAT AS A COMMUNITY. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 SAYS THAT IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION! WE SAY MADE NEW BECAUSE BAPTISM IS ALL ABOUT LETTING GO OF THE PAST AND SAYING YES TO ALL THAT GOD HAS FOR US IN OUR NEW JOURNEY. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WATER BAPTISM AND HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT IT, CHECK OUT OUR BAPTISM GUIDE ON THE GKIDS WEBPAGE. THERE'S NO RUSH, BUT IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO START THE CONVERSATION EARLY.

CONGRATULATIONS! NOT ONLY HAS YOUR CHILD MADE THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION OF THEIR LIVES, BUT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GUIDE THEM THROUGH THE PROCESS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING OUR TEAM TO BE A PART OF YOUR CHILD'S WALK WITH THE LORD. ALL OF US IN GKIDS ARE SO GRATEFUL TO PLAY EVEN A SMALL PART AS GOD CONTINUES TO LEAD THEM ON THIS NEW JOURNEY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, ARE LOOKING FOR RESOURCES, OR IF WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU IN ANY WAY, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

WE BELIEVE IN YOU AND YOUR FAMILY! YOU'VE GOT THIS!



Salvation Word Search

Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?

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ACCEPT

JESUS

GRACE

HEAVEN

BELIEVE

FORGIVE

FAITH

CLEAN

CHOOSE

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PERFECT