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Each Sunday in church, we take an offering. Do you think Jesus is interested in how much money we put in the offering plate?

The Bible says that one day, Jesus went to the temple and sat down near the place where the offerings were placed. He sat and watched as people came by and made their offerings. Many rich people, dressed in fine robes, came by and put a lot of money in the offering box. Then, a poor woman with no husband came by and put in two small copper coins that weren't even worth a "penny". (Tell the translator to use the word for their money...."real")

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "This woman has given more than anyone. The others gave out of their riches, but this woman gave all that she had, and it was all she had to live on." You see, Jesus is more interested in what is in the heart of the giver than he is in the size of their gift.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

When you love Jesus, you can serve Him using your time, treasures, and talents. We can help others by using the gifts He has given you.

#### Questions to ask:

- 1. Can you think of ways to serve God using your time?
- 2. Can you think of ways to serve God using your talents?
- 3. Can you think of ways to serve God with your treasures?

# Craft: Widow's Mite Coin Purse With Penny

### Supplies needed:

- 1. Small multi-colored gift card envelopes (found on Amazon)
- 2. Pennies (1 per child)
- 3. Stickers, Crayons, or Markers

### Children's activity:

- 1. Give each child an envelope
- 2. Decorate the envelopes with stickers, crayons, or markers
- 3. Give each child a penny to put into their "coin purse"







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all your ways. Psalm 91:11

CRAFT: Angel Necklace/ Book Mark

COLORSHEETS: Angel Frees Peter

How would you feel if you were thrown in jail? The Bible tells us that Peter and the other disciples were jailed for telling people about Jesus. During the night, an angel came and opened the jail doors, setting them free. The angel said, "Go tell the people about Jesus!"

The priests told the disciples to stop talking about Jesus, but they kept preaching, healing sick people, and performing miracles in Jesus' name. Peter said, "We must obey God rather than men!" The Bible tells us about another time when the wicked King Herod arrested

Peter and put him in prison for telling people about Jesus. But his friends were praying for him. The night before his trial, Peter was sitting between two soldiers. He was

chained, and guards were at the door. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a bright light shone in the prison cell. The angel hit Peter on the side and told him to get up.

"Quick, get up!" the angel said, and the chains fell off Peter! Then the angel said, "Put on your clothes and sandals and follow me." Of course, Peter obeyed. Peter followed the angel out of the prison, but he didn't believe this was really happening. He thought it was all just a dream!

They passed by the guards without being seen and then the big gate opened and they walked out into the street. They walked down the street and suddenly the angel left him. That's when Peter realized this was for real! "Now I know that the Lord sent His angel to rescue me from King Herod!" Peter ran to Mary's and John Mark's houses, where he knew his friends were praying for him. He told them God had answered their prayers and sent an angel to rescue him from prison. Then, Peter left for another place to continue preaching the Good News about Jesus.

# Angel Necklace/Bookmark

### Supplies needed:

- 1. Ribbon 1/8 inch wide
- 2. Angel-shaped paper clip #2 size
- 3.10 mm bead (with a good-sized hole big enough to thread ribbon through)

### Prepare ahead:

- 1. Cut a ribbon 16 inches long for making a bookmark
- 2. Cut a ribbon 31 inches long for making a necklace
- 3. Put ribbon, paper clip, and bead into an individual snack-sized ziplock bag for easy distribution.

### Children's activity:

- 1. Put both ends of the ribbon through the hole in the bead.
- 2. "Loop-tie" it around the center of the clip.
- 3. Tie a knot on the top of the bead.
- 4. Tie ends of ribbon together.





Salmos 91:11

Porque a seus anjos ele dará ordens a seu respeito, para que o protejam em todos os seus caminhos.

# THE STORY OF JOSEPH

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MEMORY VERSE: Be kind and forgive one another, forgiving each other, just

as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

CRAFT: Joseph's Colorful Coat
COLORSHEETS: Joseph Forgives Brothers

The Bible says that Jacob had 12 sons, but he loved Joseph of all. So he made him a special coat with many colors. When the brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more, they hated him and would not speak kindly to him. Joseph also had dreams about the future, and when he told his brothers about them, they hated him even more. One day, when Joseph was 17, he went out into the fields to check on his brothers.

When they saw him coming, they plotted against him to kill him. "Look, here comes that dreamer. Come, let's kill him and throw him into a pit. We will say that a wild beast killed him." But the big brother Reuben said, "Don't kill him. Just throw him into the pit," thinking he would come back and rescue him later. So when Joseph came up to his brothers, they ripped his beautiful coat off him and threw him down into the pit. Then they sat down to eat and laugh while ignoring Joseph's cries for help. When they saw a group of merchants who were on their way to Egypt, big brother Judah said, "Let's not kill Joseph! Let's sell him instead!" So they sold Joseph to the traders for 20 pieces of silver, and Joseph was carried away to Egypt to be sold as a slave.

This was terrible for Joseph to be treated this way by his brothers! But God had a plan, and He took care of Joseph. The Bible says, "The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered and the Lord gave him success in everything he did." (Gen 39:2-3) Joseph worked hard and tried to do the right thing, and God blessed him. By the time he was 30 years old, he became the Pharaoh's helper-in charge of the whole land of Egypt. Joseph had become rich, powerful, and important.

The Bible says that years later, there was a famine in the land, and Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy food. Because they had to buy the food from Joseph, they were worried that he might put them in prison or kill them because of what they had done to him. But Joseph chose to forgive his brothers. He showed kindness to them and gave them gifts and even invited them to come live in Egypt with him. Joseph loved his brothers and forgave them, and that is a good example for us.

## Joseph's Colorful Coat

#### SIMPLE CRAFT IDEA #1

Supplies needed:

- 1. White cardstock
- 2. Various colors of bright colored paper or wrapping paper

#### Prepare ahead:

- 1. Copy/Print colored Joseph pattern onto white cardstock.
- 2. Cut paper into 1/2" wide X 5" long strips.
- 3. Print memory verses on mailing labels

#### Children's activity:

- 1. Give each child a copy of Joseph pattern.
- 2. Have the child glue six strips of paper onto the coat pattern
- 3. Stick the memory verse onto the picture

#### **MORE DETAILED CRAFT IDEA #2**

Supplies needed:

- 1. Paper Grocery Sacks
- 2. Crepe Paper
- 3. Glue sticks

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#### Prepare ahead:

- 1. Cut crepe paper into 11" long strips
- 2. Cut the front middle of the grocery sack, then cut a neck hole in the bottom of the sack.
- 3. Cut arm holes on both sides of the sack

### Children's activity:

- 1. Give each child a sack and 6 crepe paper strips (multi-colored)
- 2. Have each child glue on the crepe paper strips and try on their jacket.



Efésios 4:32

Sejam bondosos e compassivos uns para com os outros, perdoando-se mutuamente, assim como Deos os perdoou em Cristo.



# THREE BRAVE FRIENDS

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 3

MEMORY VERSE: Our God can save us. Daniel 3:17

CRAFT: Fiery Furnace

COLORSHEETS: Three Brave Friends

There were three friends—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

They loved God and prayed only to Him.One day, the king made a rule. He said, "Bow to my big gold statue." But the three friends said, "No. We will only pray to God."

King Nebuchadnezzar got very mad.He said,"If you don't bow,I'll throw you into the hot fire!"The friends were calm.They said,"God can save us. Even if He doesn't, we will still trust Him."

The king ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter! The guards tied up the friends and threw them in. But soon the king looked into the fire—and gasped!" There are four people walking inside! They're not hurt! One looks like an angel!" God had sent someone to protect them. The king called out, "Come out!" The three friends walked out. Not a single hair was burned. Their clothes didn't even smell like smoke. The king was amazed. He said, "Their God is the real God!"

The three friends were brave. They didn't change their faith, even when it was hard. Would you trust God like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? God was with the men in the fire, and when we are afraid, He is with us too. God is always with us, even in the hardest times.



# Paper Plate Furnace

### Supplies needed:

- 1. Paper Plates
- 2. Red, Yellow, and Orange tissue paper cut into ½" squares.
- 3. Colored Markers
- 4. Glue Sticks

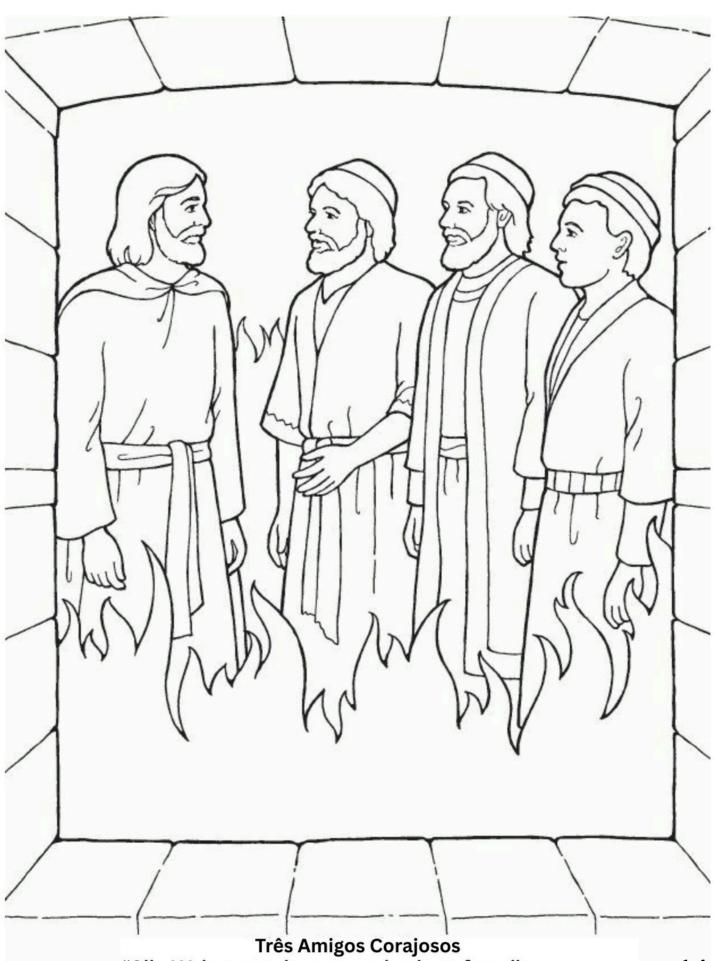
### Prepare ahead:

1. Cut the tissue paper into 1/2" squares.

### Children's activity:

- 1. Give each child a paper plate and have them draw four people on it. These can be as simple as stick figures.
- 2. Have children put glue on their plates and place pieces of tissue paper around the drawings of the 4 people.





Três Amigos Corajosos "Olha! Vejo quatro homens andando no fogo, ilesos, e o quarto parece o Filho de Deus." Daniel 3:25

### **BRIDGE SKIT**



(Before the skit begins, set up two stools or chairs apart from each other, marking one as heaven (Ceu) and one as earth (Terra)

In the beginning was God. God decided to make the heavens and the earth, and it was very good!

Then, God made man so that man could fellowship with God. God and man talked together and walked together. God loved man, and man loved God.

A sad thing happened that changed the world forever. God told man he could eat any food in the garden he wanted. But God told man not to eat one special fruit. The man listened to the devil and ate the fruit God told him not to. Then God appeared and told the man he was sinful and disobedient and must leave the garden God had made for him. When that happened, God left man alone on the earth. He told the man that two bad things had happened.

Man's nature changed from clean to sinful. (Man takes off white shirt and has a black one underneath) Man could no longer be in God's presence because he was sinful, and God was holy.

The man thought he would be happy without God, but he was not. He missed God but he could not fellowship with God because of his sin. He tried to please God by doing good deeds, but nothing was good enough to get him to heaven. He read his Bible, shared his fish, helped his neighbor, and gave money to the church. (Deeds are written on heart-shaped paper and held up by the man, and as each is read, the man drops the heart on the floor),

Read his Bible= Leia a Biblia

He shared his fish = Ele compartilhou seu peixe

He helped his neighbor = Ele ajudou seu proximo

He gave money- Ele deu dinheiro

God told man his good deeds would never restore their relationship because they would never change man's sinful nature.

Man was sad, but man could do absolutely nothing to save himself. (Have the man reach out to God, but God just shakes his head) But God loved man so much that He made a plan for man. God gave His son, Jesus, to go to earth to be born of a virgin. He lived a perfect life and God was well pleased. Jesus obeyed his Father and allowed man to crucify Him on the cross. (Someone not in the skit helps raise a wide board to Jesus' back, and then Jesus and the helper lay the board across the two stools.) Jesus died, but then God raised Jesus from the dead, and He went up to heaven. (Jesus goes to stand by God. Have God point to man, and Jesus goes and holds out his hand by man and the bridge cross.)

Now, man must decide. Will he step out to believe and trust Jesus as his Savior? Jesus will help him, but man must be willing to have faith in Jesus. As soon as man trusts Jesus as his Savior and takes His hand, Jesus forgives his sin and sees his sin no more. (Man, who is standing on the stool marked Earth, reaches out for Jesus' hand, and when he does, Jesus gives him the white shirt to put back on over the black one)

Along the way, man sometimes slips and makes mistakes, but Jesus will help him back up. (Man pretends to slip while walking across the board, and Jesus walks beside him and helps steady him) Through Jesus, we have eternal life and our relationship with God is restored. After you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, you will always be in Jesus' hands. We may slip, but He will never let us go.

### **WORDLESS BOOK STORY**



Have you ever seen a book without words or pictures? This book of colored pages tells a wonderful story from the Bible. The story is about the true and living God who made all of the world and everything in it. Each color reminds me of a part of that story. Sometimes, I like to peek at the end of a book first to see if fit has a sad or happy ending.

Let's look at the last page first! The **GOLD** page tells us that the streets are made of gold in Heaven. God tells us that no one is ever sick there, and no one dies. Heaven is a real place. The most remarkable thing about Heaven is that God and Jesus are there. God loves us so much He wants us to be a part of His family and be with Him in Heaven someday!

What a special place Heaven is! It is perfect because God is perfect, but one thing can never be in Heaven. That one thing is sin. The **BLACK** page reminds us that anything that does not please God, is sin. Sin is disobeying the rules God has given in the Bible. Sin causes sadness in the world. (Give some examples of sin they can relate to.)

The Bible says we have all sinned. (Romans 3:23) "All" means every one of us – you and me. Sin separates us from God. God cannot allow sin where He is. God said sin must be punished. God knew we could do nothing to get rid of our sins, but God loved us so much that He made a way for us to be forgiven of ALL our sins.

The **RED** color shows us the way to this forgiveness. God loved us so much He sent His own Son, Jesus, to earth from Heaven. He was born as a tiny baby and He grew up and became a man. Jesus was different from any other person who ever lived on earth. He was perfect. He never did even one thing wrong! But one day, men put a crown of thorns on his head and nailed Him to a cross. Nailed to the cross by His hands and His feet, His red blood poured out as He took the punishment for our sins and died on that cross. He was put in a tomb, but after 3 days, a most wonderful thing happened – God gave Jesus life again! He raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus is our living Savior, and He wants to save you from your sins.

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The **WHITE** color reminds me I can be made clean from my sins. (John 3:16). Because of the sacrifice Jesus made – I don't have to be separated from God. And neither do you! If you believe in Jesus, He will give you everlasting life so you can live in Heaven. Jesus will forgive your sins and always be with you! Just tell Him you have sinned and that you trust Him to forgive you. You will then have eternal life. God promises, "I will never leave you." God loves us and wants us to go to Heaven when we die.

The **GREEN** color reminds me of growing. When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we need to grow as a Christian. 2nd Peter 3:18 says, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We grow by reading the Bible and praying. Then, we need to love others and tell them about God's love.

What a great message in a book without words!!

### **Wordless Book Bookmark**

### **Supplies Needed:**

- 1. Bright-colored poster board or cardstock
- 2. Needlepoint thread or thin silk ribbon (red, black, white, yellow, and green)
- 3. Hand-held hole puncher
- 4. Copies of the Description of Colors (on the the next page)
- 5. Stickers and/or markers
- 6. Snack-sized Ziploc baggies

### **Prepare Ahead:**

- 1. Cut colored poster board/cardstock into 3" x 7 1/2"
- 2. Punch a hole into the top center
- 3. Cut threads/ribbons into 14" lengths (all five colors)
- 4. Cut out the Description of Colors
- 5. Put cut threads/ribbons, cut poster board/cardstock, Description of Colors, in snack-sized baggies

### **Children's Activity:**

- 1. Give each child a baggie
- 2. Have the child fold thread/ribbons in the middle, push the folded end through the punched hole, and tie a knot by putting the ends through the loop of thread and pulling tight
- 3. Let children add stickers and/or color the book mark
- 4. Glue the Description of Colors to poster board/cardstock.

Preto é o pecado que nós cometemos
Vermelho é o do sangue do Jesus Cristo
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### ETERNITY BRACELET



"For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

The Circle represents eternity. There is no beginning and no end.

**The Black Bead** represents man as a sinner - that's me. Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

The Red Bead represents the blood of Jesu,s who was God in the flesh. He died on the cross for all mankind. I had a choice to reject Him or accept Him into my life. I realized through the Bible that Jesus was the only way to God, so I asked Jesus to come into my life and take over my spirit and mind, will, emotions, and actions. John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'

The White Bead represents my sin, which was washed away white as snow. I am now His child, and He has become my Lord and Master, my Counselor, my God, and my Everlasting Father. Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

The Green Bead represents the growth period of my life as a Christian.

**The Yellow Bead** represents the glory of God in heaven, where I will spend eternity with Jesus and other believers one day.

Everyone will spend eternity somewhere — either in heaven or hell. Jesus is the only way to heaven. He came to save men and give them life abundantly through love, joy, peace, prayer, and faith. Will you accept Him into your life today as Lord and Savior? If so, just pray a prayer something like this:

"LORD JESUS, I AM COMING TO YOU TO FORGIVE ME OF MY SIN. COME INTO MY LIFE TODAY. I'M GIVING YOU CONTROL. HELP ME, JESUS, TO LEARN HOW TO LET YOU LIVE THROUGH ME. AMEN!"

### PULSERA DE LA ETERNIDAD

### THE ETERNITY BRACELET IN PORTUGUESE

"Porque tanto amo Dios al hombre, que dio su hijo unico, para que todo aquel quien crea en el, no perezca, pero tenga vida eterna." Juan 3:16

El circulo representa la eternidad. No tiene un comienzo y no tiene un final.

La piedrita negra representa al hombre como pecador - este soy yo. Romanos 3:23 dice: "Por todos han pecado y no merecen la gloria de Dios."

La piedrita roja representa la sangre de Jesucristso, quien fue Dios en la carne. El murio en la cruz por toda la humanidad. Yo tuva la opcion de rechazarlo o aceptarlo en mi vida. Yo comprendi a traves de la biblia que Jesucristo es el unico camino a Dios, asi que le pedi a J esucristo que entrara a mi vida y tomara posesion de mi espiritu, mente, emociones y assiones-todo. Juan 12:6 dice: "Jesucristo le dijo a el: ' Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie llega al padre sino por mi.'

La piedrita blanca representa mi pecado, ahora lavado y blanqueado como la nieve. Ahara soy su hijo o hija y el se ha convertido en mi Salvador Personal, mi Consejero, mi Dios y mi Padre Eterno. Isaias 9:6 "Ante nosotros ha nacido un nino, ante nosotros un Salvador nos ha sido dado. Su nombre sera Maravilloso, Consejero, Dios Magnifico, Padre Eterno y Principe de Paz."

La piedrita verde representa el periodo de crecimiento espiritual a traves de mi vida como cristiano.

La piedrita amarilla representa la gloria de Dios en el cielo, en donde un dia pasare la eternidad con Jesucristo y otros creyentes.

Todos pasaremos la eternindad en algun lugar-asi sea en paraíso o en el infierno. Jesucristo es el unico camino al paraiso eterno. El vino a la tierra a salvar al hombre y ofrecernos vida abundante a traves de su amor, su gozo, su pas y fe. Aceptaras tu a Jesucristo hoy en tu vida corne tu Salvador Personal? Si lo aceptas, reza una aracion similar a esta:

"SENOR JESUCRISTO, HOY VENGO A TI PARA PEDIRTE QUE PERD<mark>ONES MIS PECADOS.</mark>
ENTRES A MI VIDA. TE ENTREGO CONTROL DE MI VIDA. A YUDAME, JESUCRISTO A
APRENDER COMO PERMITIRTE VIVIR A TRAVES D<mark>E MI. AMEN!"</mark>

### SIN SOLUTION



### Supplies needed:

2 clear plastic jars – labeled "Homem" (man) and "Deus" (God), a cross made with popsicle sticks and stuck into an upside-down jar with clay inside to make it stick (after you stick the cross in the clay you can wrap the lid and clay in aluminum foil to hold it together), colored iodine, water, and photo fixer. (Note: If photo fixer is unavailable, you may substitute Chlor-out, Oxiclean or Clorox)

Tell the audience that God created man in His image. God and man were friends, and they communicated openly with each other. (As you talk, pour some water back and forth from jar to jar). Then, man disobeyed God, and sin came into the world. (Drop some iodine into the man's jar.) This created a problem because God could not look upon sin and allow sin into heaven. Man and God's relationship was damaged, and they found it very difficult to communicate with each other.

(You can ask the question, "Do you think if I poured this dirty water into the clean water, the clean water would stay clean?") No, of course not! This was how God felt. There was no way man could come into heaven with all that sin. God loves us so much that He decided to provide a way for us to forgive our sins and spend eternity with Him in Heaven. He sent His son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, without sin, and die on the cross as a sacrifice for all the sins of the world..... your sins as well as my sins. The Bible says if you believe in Jesus and ask for your sins to be forgiven, God will not see your sins anymore but only see Jesus in your life. (At this moment, take the cross with the photo fixer/Oxy Clean poured into the upside-down lid and lower it into the Man's jar. The water will become clear, and people will be amazed!)

Tell the audience that when Jesus comes into your life, He forgives your sins and purifies your life. Even if you sin more (drop more of the iodine into the man's jar), the only thing God will see is Jesus in your life. His sacrifice on the cross covers all your sins... past, present, and future!

## KEYS TO HEAVEN



The Bible says that Heaven is a wonderful place! Revelation says there will be no crying, pain, sadness, or death in Heaven. There will be no sin or trouble there, only peace and good things to enjoy. Heaven will be our heavenly home, and the streets will be gold. Best of all, God will be there, and we will live with Him forever and ever.

How many of you would like to go to Heaven someday? Me too!! But how do we get into Heaven? Let's pretend this lock represents Heaven and the gate to Heaven is locked. Let's find a key that opens the lock on the gate to Heaven.

I need five volunteers. (Call kids up and distribute the keys. Ask the kids to try the keys one at a time to see which will open the door to Heaven.)

- 1. Being good Antos de bondade
- 2. Going to church Vai pra igreja
- 3. Giving money to the poor Da dineiro a pobre
- 4. Read the Bible Lei a Biblia

None of these things opens the lock on the gate to Heaven. These are all good things. Jesus wants us to be good and kind, to go to church, to give money to the poor, and to be baptized, but none of these things will get us into Heaven. How can we get to Heaven? There's one more key - - let's try it!

5. Accepting Jesus as your Savior - Aceitar Jesus como seu Salvador.

Hurrah! We've found the key! The only way to get to Heaven is to trust in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." That's the Key to Heaven! Have you trusted in Jesus to forgive your sins, come into your

heart and life, and be your Lord and Savior? If you have, then you are a follower of Jesus – a Christian – and Jesus has promised to give you eternal life with Him in Heaven someday. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

Once you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, this is what He wants you to do until the day you go to Heaven (refer to the other keys):

### DIRECTIONS FOR KEYS TO HEAVEN

#### Items needed:

- 1.Padlock
- 2. Five rectangle cut cardstock papers (laminated)
- 3. Four keys that don't fit the padlock
- 4. One key that fits the padlock

On one side of cardstock words will be written in English and the other side words will be written in Portuguese.

Collect 4 extra keys that don't open the padlock.

Punch a hole in each card and attach a key to each card with yarn or string.

Make sure the key to the padlock is attached to the card that says, "Accept Jesus as your Savior."

### Words written on cards:

- Go to church Vai pra igreja
- Read the Bible Lei a Biblia
- Give money to poor Da dineiro a pobre
- Do good deeds Antos de bondade
- Accept Jesus as your Savior Aceitar Jesus como seu Salvador