

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."*

JOHN 3:16

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT GOD

GOD LOVED

ASK YOUR CHILD:

1. How do you know God loves you?
2. What is sin?
3. Have you ever sinned? When?
4. What is the problem with sin?

God loved you before you were born. He loves you right now. But there is something that separates us from Him. It's called sin. It's the stuff we do wrong. Because God is perfect, there is no way that we can get into God's family on our own. But because God loved, He did what people in love do. He gave.

GOD GAVE

ASK YOUR CHILD:

1. What did God give us?
2. Why did God give us this gift?
3. What did Jesus do for us?

God gave the most important, valuable, and perfect thing He had for you. He knew that our sin would keep us out of His family forever. We're apart from God and would stay that way, but because God loved, He gave His son to fix that relationship. Jesus gave up His life on the cross to pay for our sin. He came to make a way for you to be in God's family.

WHAT WE NEED TO DO

WE BELIEVE

ASK YOUR CHILD:

1. How do you open God's gift?
2. What does it mean to trust something?

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. Think about a chair. When you sit in a chair, you put all of your weight on it. You trust that it will hold you up. That's what it's like to believe in, or trust in, this gift. To open it.

WE RECEIVE

ASK YOUR CHILD:

1. What do you receive?
2. What are two things you need to know about God?
3. What are the two things you need to do?

John 3:16 tells us that we receive eternal life. That means we get to spend forever and ever with God in a place that He made perfect. Once you receive His gift, it can never be taken away. There is nothing you can do, say, think, try or fail at that would make you lose your place in His family.

THE PRAYER

YOU CAN USE THIS PRAYER AS YOU LEAD YOUR CHILD TO JESUS.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I know I am a sinner. I know my sin should separate me from you forever. I believe your son, Jesus, died for me. I accept His death as payment for my sin. Thank you for loving me and for giving me the gift of Jesus so I could live with You in heaven. Come into my life and be my Savior and friend.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

JUST FOR PARENTS

In the New Testament it was not uncommon for an entire household to be saved on the same day! If you have never trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior, or you are unsure if you have, why not settle the question for yourself as well as for your child?

REMEMBER:

- We are not saved by praying a prayer.
- We are saved by putting our faith in Christ as our Savior.
- Prayer is simply a way of expressing our trust in Christ for all He has done on our behalf.

If you or your child prays to receive Christ and would like to be water baptized, please let us know by sending an email to: zone@GFOnline.com so we can celebrate with you!

"...those who accepted and welcomed His message were baptized..."

ACTS 2:41