TEACHING KIDS ABOUT SALVATION

PARENT HELP SHEETS
Explaining God’s Salvation Plan To Kids

The purpose of this “Help Sheet” is to equip parents on how to explain God’s Salvation Plan to kids. If you have any other questions please email us at kids@lufkin.org. We would love to help!

It is the Holy Spirit’s job to convict us of our sin and lead us to Christ. It’s a great privilege when God allows us to be part of the process in others! If you have a child who’s expressed an interest in God’s salvation plan, you can use these key thoughts to equip you to have a conversation with him.

• The whole Bible describes God’s grand plan to be in a loving relationship with us forever. Ever since Adam and Eve, we all have sinned. (“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23) God is holy. We cannot be in relationship with Him because of our sin.

• God is also perfectly fair and just. We all deserve God’s punishment. But He loves us even though we sin. (“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8) God is also perfect love. His love is a free gift. (“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23)

• God loves us and wants to forgive us. (“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 3:16) Jesus is God’s perfect Son, and He died on a cross to take the consequences for our sin. But Jesus didn’t stay dead. He conquered death and came back to life to prove He’s stronger than our sin. Because Jesus died and rose again, God’s forgiveness provided a way for us to be in relationship with Him again.

• God’s plan is perfect. Believing in Jesus, asking for His forgiveness, and inviting Him to lead your life is the way to accept God’s free gift. (“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.” Romans 10:9–10)

• God always keeps His promises. Once we believe in Jesus and ask for God’s forgiveness, we can celebrate because we’re sure He forgives us. Now we’re part of The Big God Story and His family forever. (“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12) We want to grow in a relationship with Him and some of the ways we do this include: praying, reading the Bible, worshipping, and being involved with other believers in the faith community.

• God is now our Father, and we have the power of the Holy Spirit to help us live the way He wants us to live. When we have the good news of being in God’s family, we have a new identity, and we want to tell others about it. (Encourage your child to express his decision in his own words.)

• Celebrate! This is the greatest decision a child will ever make, and you’ve been privileged to participate in it!

ABCs of Salvation
A - Admit

Admit honestly to God that you have sinned and disobeyed Him.

The Bible says:
- Romans 3:23 “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
- Romans 6:23 “The wages of sin is death (everlasting punishment)."

No sin is allowed in heaven.

B - Believe

Believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose again. His blood was shed to pay for your sins.

The Bible says:
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”
- Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Because Jesus loves you so much, He took the punishment for you so that you can be forgiven.

C - Choose

Choose to trust Jesus alone for the forgiveness of your sins.

The Bible says:
- Romans 10:13 “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
- John 3:18 “He who believes in Him (Jesus) is not condemned.”

When you trust in Jesus Christ alone to save you, God forgives you! You become His child, and He promises you a home in heaven forever! Put your trust in Jesus as your Savior from sin. Do it today, and begin following Him by obeying His Word, the Bible.
6. This is so exciting! Now that you are forgiven and part of God’s family (John 1:12), you can share your decision with others.
   - Is there someone you want to tell about your decision to follow Jesus?

3. Jesus is God’s perfect Son. Jesus died on a cross to take the consequences for our sins (John 3:16). Because Jesus died for us, God forgives our sins.
   - Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross to forgive your sins?

2. The Bible says that our sin separates us from God (Romans 6:23). But God provided a way for us to be in relationship with Him so we can live with Him now and forever. We all need God’s forgiveness.
   - Do you want to know how to be forgiven by God?

5. Once we ask Jesus to forgive us, He takes away all of our sins. Jesus saves us from the penalty of our sins. And when we trust Jesus as our Savior, we become part of God’s family forever (1 John 5:11–12). Because we are part of God’s family, we now have God’s Spirit to empower us to live in a way that pleases Him and to do the things that help us learn about Him, such as reading His Word, being a part of a local church, praying, etc. (Colossians 1:10).
   - What are some ways you can learn more about Jesus?

4. Jesus didn’t stay dead.
   The Bible tells us that He rose from the dead and lives today. That means we can talk to Him right now. If we believe that Jesus died on the cross to take the consequences for our sins and rose from the dead (Romans 10:9–10), we can ask God to forgive us, and He will (Colossians 1:13–14; 1 John 1:9).
   - Would you like to ask God to forgive you for your sins?

1. God loves us but He hates sin.
   The Bible teaches that all people have sinned or disobeyed God (Romans 3:23).
   - Where do you see sin in your own life?