





### **EVERY CHRISTIAN PARENT YEARNS FOR THE DAY**THEIR CHILD RECEIVES JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR.

This is the most important decision we can lead our children through, as eternity hangs in the balance. However, there are some important things we need to understand in order to wisely guide them through this stage.

### PART I: WHAT THEY NEED TO KNOW FROM YOU

Before your child can make the decision to follow Jesus, there are some core concepts they need to understand:

Who is Jesus? The basics of who Jesus was and is as the Son of God.

**What is Faith/Belief?** Faith means believing in Jesus and trusting Him to grant salvation through His grace. It is the assurance of things hoped for. (Hebrews 11:1).

**What is Biblical Truth?** Truth defined by the Bible as God's infallible word given without error.

**What is Sin?** Disobedience to God and His Word that separates us from a relationship with Him.

**What is Repentance?** Recognizing sin, confessing it, and turning one's heart to follow God in obedience.

**What is Salvation?** The free gift of eternal life given to those who have faith in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9).

### **PART II: LEADING THEM TO JESUS**

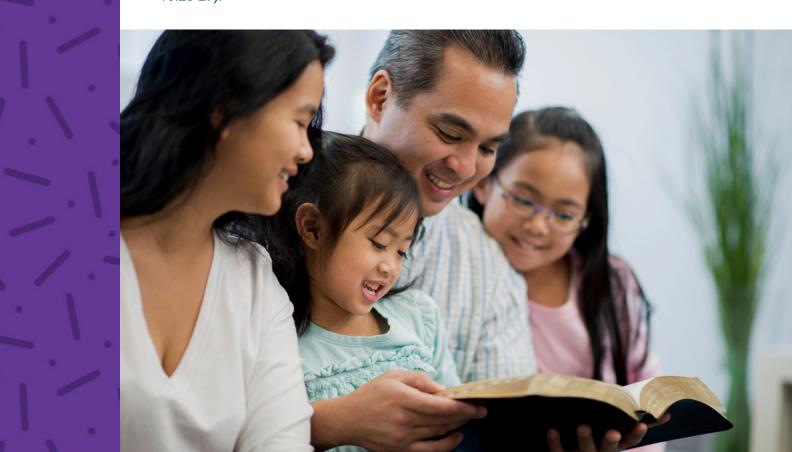
Look for signs that your child may be ready, such as asking spiritual questions, a changing behavior, spiritual interest over time, and starting to connect the pieces of what it means to follow Jesus. When the time seems right, walk them through these steps to salvation:

- God loves you and has a plan for your life. (Jeremiah 29:11, John 3:16).
- We have all sinned and disobeyed God. (Romans 3:23, 6:23). Discuss specific sins that you may have seen in their life (lying, rebellion, disrespect etc.).
- The penalty for sin is death and separation from God. This is what we deserve.
- But God offers the free gift of eternal life because Jesus died for our sins. (Romans 6:23, 5:8).
- Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with God. (John 14:6).
- We must repent (turn from sin), confess our sins, and believe in Jesus. (Acts 3:19, Romans 10:9-10).

If your child wants to receive Jesus, have them pray something like:

"Jesus, thank you for loving me. I know I have sinned. I believe you died for my sins. Please forgive me and come into my life. I want to follow and obey you from now on. Amen."

Confirm their decision by asking where their sins are now (gone), and where Jesus is (in their heart). Explain that once they receive Jesus, they are eternally secure in Him (John 10:28-29).



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If this happens at home, let us know at Victory Kids, we want to celebrate with you! This will help us help you when it comes to advice on next steps, including water baptism.

Celebrate this spiritual milestone! Have a party, give a gift like a new Action Bible or study Bible for youth, and invite others who've invested spiritually.

The joy of leading your child to a relationship with Jesus is indescribable. Yet their journey is just beginning. Continue diligently teaching them, capitalizing on spiritual moments, celebrating future milestones, and praying for their walk with the Lord.

#### WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Water Baptism is the next step in our walk with Jesus. Below are three reasons for Water Baptism:

Obedience to Jesus: One of the main reasons for water baptism is that Jesus himself was baptized, and he instructed his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. By getting baptized, Christians are obeying Jesus' command and following in his footsteps.

Public Declaration of Faith: Baptism is a way for Christians to publicly declare their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior. It's like a special ceremony where they are saying, "I believe in Jesus, and I want to live my life following him." It's a way of showing others that they have made a commitment to be a Christian.

**Symbolism of Death and Rebirth:** When a person is baptized by being immersed in water, it symbolizes the death and burial of their old life of sin. When they come out of the water, it represents being raised to a new life in Christ, just as Jesus was raised from the dead after his crucifixion. It's a way of showing that they are starting fresh, leaving their old ways behind, and beginning a new life as a follower of Jesus.

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