



Leading Your Child to Jesus

As your child grows and the truth of God's love becomes more and more evident, they may begin to ask questions about becoming a Christian.

Use these discussion points as you talk about God's plan of salvation with your child.

1 Salvation

Talking to your child about Jesus is one of the most important things you can do as a parent.

God loves you! God made you and knows everything about you (Psalm 139).

You have a big problem called *sin*! When you mess up and do wrong things, you sin. Can you think of some wrong things you have done? You deserve to be punished for those things, but Jesus took the punishment for you (Ecclesiastes 7:20).

To follow Jesus, you have to **ADMIT** that you are a sinner and you've messed up. You need to tell God you're sorry (Acts 3:19).

God wanted to make a way for you to be with Him. God loves you so much that He sent His son Jesus to earth. Jesus took the punishment for the sin of everyone who would believe in Him by dying on a cross. The good news is that Jesus did not stay dead. God brought Jesus back to life. To follow Jesus, you have to **BELIEVE** Jesus died for you and God raised Jesus back to life! (Romans 10:9–10)

We **COMMIT** to following Jesus by simply praying the following prayer:



God, I know that You love me.

I **ADMIT** that I have done wrong things and I am very sorry.

I **BELIEVE** in my heart that Jesus, Your Son, died for me and that you brought Him back to life.

I **COMMIT** to following you, Jesus. You are my leader and the Lord of my life. Amen!

2 Baptism

Now that you have committed to following Jesus, you need to let others know by getting **BAPTIZED**. The Bible is clear that once we start following Jesus, our next step is baptism (Mark 16:16).

Baptism takes place in the **WATER**. It is a picture of what Jesus did when He took the punishment for your sins. As you go under the water, you show others you believe Jesus died for you. When you come up out of the water, you show others you believe that God raised Jesus back to life. You have a new life because of Jesus! (Romans 6:4)

Getting saved and then baptized doesn't mean you will always live a perfect life. There will be times in your life where you will sin and make wrong choices. When this happens, you should pray and ask Jesus to forgive you. Even though you will mess up, you can know that Jesus died for the forgiveness of **ALL** our past, present, and future sins. That means even though you will sin again, you do not need to be saved or baptized again (1 Peter 3:18).

You can continue following Jesus by reading your Bible, doing what Jesus says, and praying every day (Psalm 1:2).



Leading Your Child to Their Next Step

As a parent, God has given you the primary role in nurturing the faith of your child.

Once your child has committed to following Jesus, their next step is baptism.