

Helping Children Follow Jesus

One of the greatest joys we have is to be a spiritual influencer and to share in the most significant moment for a child; their decision to accept God's gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

To help a child know more about what it means to follow Jesus, give this simple explanation:

God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us. Jesus died and rose again so we could be forgiven for all the wrong things we do. Jesus wants to be our Forever Friend. If we ask Him to, He'll take away the wrong things we've done and fill our hearts with His love. As our Forever Friend, Jesus will always be with us and will help us make the right choices. And if we believe in Jesus, someday we'll live with Him forever in Heaven.

You may want to lead the child in a simple prayer inviting Jesus to be his or her Forever Friend. You may also want to share one or more of the following Scripture passages with the child.

John 3:16: 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.

Romans 5:8-11: But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God's condemnation. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of His Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

Romans 6:23: For everyone has sinned. We all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Ephesians 2:5, 8: ...even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

We would love to know when a child makes a decision to follow Jesus. We wish to celebrate this & provide helpful information to be an encouragement as the child takes next steps to

Know, Grow, & Show God's love.