

# LifeMission Kids Parent Salvation Guide

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Dear Parent,

We're excited that your child has expressed interest in being a follower of Jesus and receiving the salvation that is only offered through him

It's important that children be able to understand the basics of what it means to follow Jesus.

Please don't force your child into salvation. Your example & educating them can help lead them into a self-initiated decision.

Please don't hesitate to connect with any questions and please let us know when your child has chosen to make a decision of salvation. we want to celebrate with you as well as offer additional resources as they grow in their relationship with Jesus.

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## **“What should I do as a parent?”**

Talk about the gospel truth, especially to the children in your life. Talk openly and passionately about the difference choosing to follow Jesus has made in your life.

Have a plan for sharing the gospel to your children. Not so that they can go to heaven and you can have peace, but because you love them and want them to have the most abundant, best life.

Pray every day that the Holy Spirit would open the eyes of your children to the truth of the gospel, and that they would have a powerful experience of the grace of God.

Don't manipulate kids or pressure them to make a decision. They are better off owning it for themselves, or it's going to cause more heartache in the end. Remember that this is all in the hands of The Holy Spirit



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## How do I lead my child to Christ?

Leading a child to Christ is one of the most exciting things you will ever do. Remember that, while God has called you to share this message, it's the work of the Holy Spirit that leads a child to give his or her life to Jesus.

Pray first. Then, invite the Holy Spirit to work with you as you share.

### 1. Be Conversational

When speaking one-on-one with a child, be conversational. Ask open-ended questions, then listen closely to the child's reply.

Questions to ask a child might include:

- Who is Jesus? • What is sin?
- What is a Christian? • Why do you want to become a Christian?
- What has led you to start thinking about becoming a Christian?

### 2. Use the Bible

During the conversation, show & explain verses in the Bible.

- 1 John 4:10 (God loves you) . • Romans 6:23 (sin separates us from God)
- Romans 5:8 (Christ died for us) • Romans 3:23 (everyone sins)
- 1 John 1:9 (confess and ask for forgiveness ) • Romans 10:9 (follow Jesus).
- Acts 16:31 (Believe and be saved) • Romans 10:9 (follow Jesus).



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### 3. After you present the gospel, additional questions are helpful to ask.

- Why did Jesus come to earth? Why did Jesus need to die?
- Why did Jesus rise again? Why do you want Jesus to be your Savior?

**(Make sure your child understands that salvation is not based on what he does but that it is a gracious gift of God through faith in the death and Resurrection of Jesus.)**

When a child has a basic understanding of salvation (belief in Jesus' death and Resurrection, admission of and repentance from sin, and a desire to follow the Lord), verbalize their understanding to the Lord through prayer. Because there is no single prayer that should be prayed, just encourage them to tell God that they are sinner and ask the Lord to forgive him as he trusts in Jesus.

"That 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



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## **Additional ways to explain Salvation to your child.**

“Bad News/Good News.” Always remember that hope is in the message, and not the method.

### **Bad News**

#### **1. You are a sinner – Romans 3:23**

- Ask your child to think about whether or not he or she has done everything in their life up until this point perfectly (should get a “no”).
- Give a simple illustration about trying to jump over the ocean or some other impossible task. It can't be done, just like being perfect according to God.

#### **2. There is a consequence or penalty for being a sinner – Romans 6:23**

- The wages (what we earn) for our sin is death (eternal separation from God, etc.)
- Give a simple illustration about how you get paid for your chores or a job that you do. What you earn for sin is death.

Transition – Assure them that this is terrible news, and it is, but that is what makes the good news so good.

### **Good News**

#### **1. Christ paid the penalty for sin – Romans 5:8 or 2 Corinthians 5:21**

- Jesus Christ, the only perfect person, the only one who was in right relationship with God, died in our place so that we could miss out on the consequences of our sin.



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## **Additional ways to explain Salvation to your child. - Continued**

- Give a simple illustration about someone else going to jail for a crime that you committed, etc.
2. All that is required is faith and belief – Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:16, John 1:12
- All that we have to do to receive God's free gift is have faith and believe that what God said was true and that Jesus did pay the price for you.
  - Illustration: If I were to tell you that I would give you one dollar right now for free, would you believe (be sure of my promise – Heb. 11:1) that I would give it to you? In the same way, Jesus is offering eternal life as a free gift if we will believe Him for it right now. You can believe He will give you eternal life as a free gift because He is God and He died for your sins and rose again from the dead.

You must believe that eternal life is a gift and not earned by being good or doing good things. (Ephesians 2:8,9)

Ask your child, "If you were to tell me how I could have my all my sins forgiven and to have eternal life, what would you tell me?" (Make sure you ask them this first instead of asking a yes or no question if they have eternal life.)

If they do put their faith in Christ alone, make sure to assure them of what they've done and the promises God has made. (John 5:24, I John 5:13)



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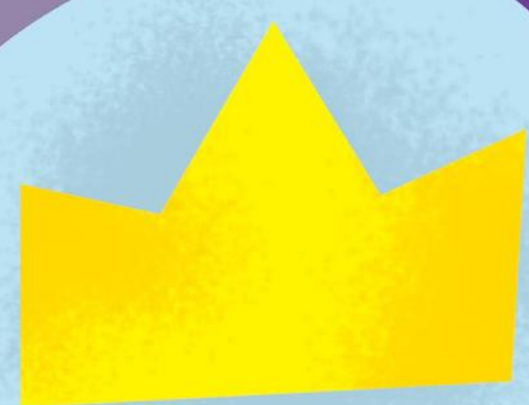


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# GOSPEL

## GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

gos·pel – *noun*. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



## GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



## WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*



## GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



## JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*

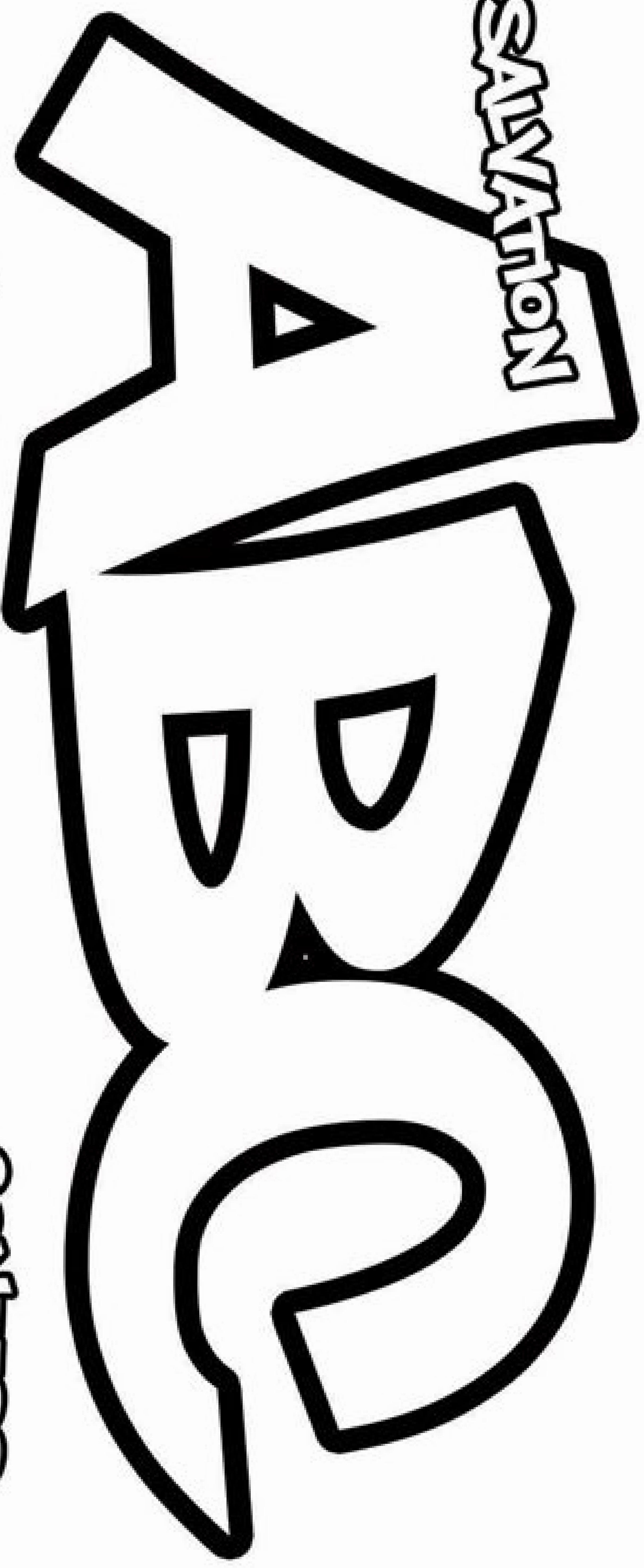


## WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10, 13*



**SALVATION**



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