

The Big Story

A CONVERSATIONAL GUIDE FOR PARENTS



Parents,

Has your child asked Jesus to be their friend and Savior? Please tell us! Send us a message to kidcity@gethope.net, and give us the chance to celebrate with you!

Want to know more? Attend our *Growing Up Class* just for parents, where you'll hear more about talking with your kids about salvation, baptism, and some basic next steps for kids. Sign up here: gethope.net/classes



GOD LOVED (God's Part)

For God so loved the world...
God loved you before you were even born! In fact, He loves you right now and wants you to be His friend. But there is something that separates us from Him.

- HIT PAUSE AND ASK YOUR CHILD:**
Do you know what separates us from God? It's called sin. Because of sin, we were separated from God forever. But because God loves us, He made a way for all of us to live with Him forever



GOD GAVE (God's Part)

For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son...
God knew our sin would keep us from living with Him forever. He also knew that we could not overcome sin on our own; we needed a savior to rescue us. So God gave us the best gift ever.

- HIT PAUSE AND ASK YOUR CHILD:**
Do you know what God gave us? Why did God give us this gift? Because God loves us so much, He gave us Jesus—His one and only son—to pay the price for our sin so we didn't have to. Jesus died for us so that our sins would all be forgiven, and then Jesus rose from the dead to give us the promise of life with God forever.



WE BELIEVE (Our Part)

Whoever believes in Him will not perish...
Believing means to trust. It's a lot like sitting in a chair: when you sit in a chair you put all your weight in it, and you trust that it will hold you up. When you believe in Jesus, you trust Him.

- HIT PAUSE AND ASK YOUR CHILD:**
What do you believe about Jesus?
How can you show that you trust Jesus?
You believe that God loves you and created you to live with Him forever. To show you trust Him, you can accept Jesus as your Friend and Savior. (He is your Savior because he paid for your sin

and it is forgiven by God.)
By choosing to follow His teaching and living for Him, others might also know Him.



WE RECEIVE (Our Part)

Whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

When you receive a gift, what do you do? You open it. When you accept Jesus as your Friend and Savior, it's like opening God's wonderful gift. We can never be good enough to earn it on our own, and we can never be so bad that God will stop loving us.

- HIT PAUSE AND ASK YOUR CHILD:**
What happens when you accept Jesus as your Friend and Savior?
What has God promised for all people who believe and trust in Him?
John 3:16 tells us that the Holy Spirit of God lives in us now, and we will spend forever with God in a place that He made perfectly just for us!



PRAYER (Our Part)

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for loving me always, even before I was born. Thank you for sending Jesus to rescue me. I know that I have sin in my life, and that my sin should separate me from You forever. But I believe that Jesus paid the penalty for my sin, and I accept Him as my Friend and Savior. I choose to live for you and I trust that I will live with you forever, starting now. In Jesus' name, amen.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16