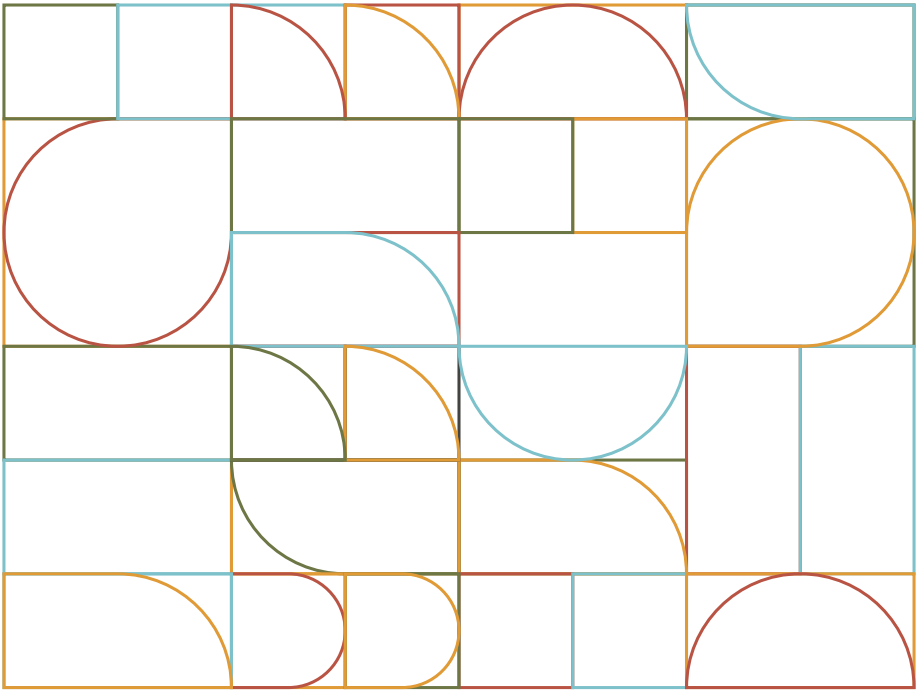
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Guide to Faith

A guide for parents to talk to their kids about following Jesus



Start the conversation

As the most important spiritual influence in your child's life, your voice and presence matter deeply. Whether you are looking to start the conversation about faith or your child has started asking questions, now is a great time to start guiding your child in their faith. These conversations can feel big—because they are! You don't have to be a Bible expert or have all the answers. You just need to show up with curiosity, honesty, and love.

This is a guide to help you lead your child into a deeper understanding of God's love and their identity in Him. Use this guide to explain who God is, what sin is, what Jesus did for us, and how we can respond in faith.

When you feel your child has a solid understanding of who Jesus is, what it means to follow Him, and has received the free gift of salvation, you and your child can move on to our Baptism Workbook.

Baptism Workbooks are available at City Kids Check-Ins.

God made it.

Who is God and why does it matter?

START WITH THIS:

When you hear that "God is perfect," what do you think that means?

The Bible teaches that God, the perfect Designer, created everything, and He created everything on purpose for a purpose. In the beginning, everything God made was perfect and good.

TRY THIS:

- Read Genesis 1:1-2:3 together and talk about what stands out.
- Ask, ***What's something in creation that reminds you of how amazing God is?*** Share your own thoughts about what it means for God to be perfect.
- At this point, your child might be wondering—***if God made everything perfect, why doesn't the world feel perfect now?*** That leads right into the next part of the conversation.

We broke it.

What is sin?

START WITH THIS:

Have you ever done something you knew was wrong but did it anyway? Why do you think we do that?

Sin isn't just a list of bad things people do—it's when we choose to do what we think is best instead of what God says is best. The Bible tells us that sin started way back with Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God (Genesis 2:4-3:24). That moment broke the perfect relationship between people and God. Ever since, sin has been part of our lives.

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING:

- Read Romans 3:23 together and ask, ***What do you think this verse means for us?***
- Talk about how sin affects not just our relationship with God but also our relationships with others.
- Be open about your own experiences. Share a time when you had to admit you were wrong.
- The good news: ***God didn't leave us stuck in our sin. That's where Jesus comes in.***

Jesus fixed it.

What did Jesus do for us?

START WITH THIS:

If sin broke our connection to God, how do you think we can fix that?

The truth is, we can't fix it. Many people try by getting good grades, being a good person, or getting popular on social media, but none of those things really work. God, who created all things (even you!), had a better plan.

God sent Jesus. He trusted and depended on God and was obedient to Him in every way. Jesus lived a perfect life, suffered, and died on a cross to take the punishment our sin deserved.

To show that Jesus truly was God's son, He rose back to life again, showing His power over death and all brokenness.

DIG DEEPER:

- Read John 3:16-17 and ask, ***What do these verses say about God's love for us?***
- Use a simple visual: Imagine two cliffs. We stand on one side, and God is on the other. What is the only thing that can bridge the gap so we can be connected to God? (Jesus!)
- Ask, ***Why do you think Jesus was willing to do this for us?***

We receive it.

How do we become part of God's family?

START WITH THIS:

What do you think it means to follow Jesus?

The Bible says that following Jesus isn't about being perfect—it's about trusting Him and admitting that He is in charge (Proverbs 3:5-6). It means believing that Jesus is who He says He is and choosing to follow Him (Luke 9:23). It's a decision we make in our heart and confess with our words and actions (Romans 10:9).

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING:

- Read Romans 10:9 together and ask, ***What does this verse say about how we receive salvation?***
- Use a simple visual: If someone gave you a gift but you never opened it, would it really be yours? Salvation is a gift—we just have to receive it.
- Ask, ***Have you ever made the decision to follow Jesus? What questions do you have about following Him?***

This is where faith becomes personal. Jesus made a way for us to be close to God again, but we have to decide if we believe and accept that gift.

What should we do next?

If your child is ready to say yes to Jesus, that's incredible! Here is a simple prayer your child can pray right now. Read it together:

Dear Jesus, I know I'm a sinner, and I need You to save me. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins and coming back to life. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. Help me to live for You. Amen.

If your child isn't ready yet, that's okay! This decision shouldn't be rushed. Keep the conversation open and return to this guide when the time is right.