

BECOMING PART OF GOD'S FAMILY

**Empowering Parents: A Six-Week Guide to
Support Your Child's Decision to Follow Christ**



**CCKIDS exists to PARTNER with PARENTS
to raise up a generation to
KNOW and FOLLOW JESUS.**



Commit your actions to the Lord and your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 16:3

I commit to work carefully to complete this guide with my parent(s), guardian or other trusted adult.

Child's Name: _____

Date: _____

I commit to help _____ work through this guide and answer questions to the best of my ability.

Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Date: _____



Dear Friend,

It is awesome that you've decided to become a follower of Jesus! This is the most important step you will ever take and it should not be taken lightly. This booklet is meant to help you understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus and how to become part of **God's family**.

Nothing makes God happier than when one of His children decides to join His family. In fact, the Bible tells us that all of Heaven rejoices! (*Read Luke 15:7*)

Over the next six weeks, you and your parent(s), or another trusted adult, should set aside time to work on completing this booklet. Allow enough time to read all the Scriptures, discuss the answers and write down any questions you have. Don't hurry through. There is no rush.

When you have completed all the pages, please make an appointment with the CCKIDS TEAM so we can discuss what you learned and your next steps.

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Unless otherwise specified, all Scripture references have been taken from the New Living translation.

WEEK 1: GOD'S PLAN

"...My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

John 10:10

God's plan is that you would CHOOSE to be a part of His family. He wants to have a close relationship with you. His plan not only promises you eternal life in Heaven, but also an exciting and fulfilling life here on earth.

Read what the Bible says in this verse:

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5

That is God's plan for you! This plan is for everyone. It includes people who live in other countries, speak different languages, and have different color skin. God loves everyone. God created people in His image and "it was good". However, people decided to disobey God, which caused a big problem!

Read these verses from Genesis then answer the questions on the next page:

God created a world.....Read Genesis 1:1, 11, 20, 24

God created people.....Read Genesis 1:26-28

People disobeyed God.....Read Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-11, 23

WEEK 1: GOD'S PLAN

What was God's only rule in the garden? (Genesis 2:16-17)

What form did Satan take? (Genesis 3:1)

What did Satan tell Eve would happen to her if she ate the fruit? (Genesis 3:5)

What did Adam and Eve do when they heard God approaching? (Genesis 3:8)

What was their punishment for disobeying God? (Genesis 3:23)



WEEK 1: GOD'S PLAN

SIN IS DOING WHAT IS WRONG IN GOD'S SIGHT.

Since God is perfect, sin separates us from the relationship God intended to have with mankind.

"Your sins have cut you off from God." - Isaiah 59:2

God wants a relationship with us. But because sin entered the world through Adam and Eve, man is separated from God.

Look at the list below. Put an "X" over the things that are wrong in God's sight. Circle the things that please God.

Lying	Stealing	Giving to others
Praying	Fighting	Cursing
Hating	Reading the Bible	Teasing
Cheating	Honoring parents	Killing
Being kind	Talking back to parents	Gossip

What other examples can you think of ?

If God is holy and perfect, then there can be no sin where God is. So how can man find his way back to God?
God provided a way! He sent His son, Jesus!

NOTES

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WEEK 2: GOD SENT HIS SON PART 1

WHO IS JESUS?

Read John 3:16

What does it say about who Jesus is?

Read John 20:31

What does it say about who Jesus is?

- a. _____
- b. _____

WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

Read John 14:15 - What did Jesus say?

Read John 20:29 - Jesus said "Blessed are those who

_____."

WEEK 2: GOD SENT HIS SON PART 1

SEE FOR YOURSELF

In the New Testament, the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are called The Gospels. Here you can read many wonderful things about who Jesus is, what He did and what He said.

Take time this week to read some of the things Jesus said. Write down what you learn.

DAY 1: Matthew 5:43-48

DAY 2: Mark 10:13-16

DAY 3: Luke 10:25-37

DAY 4: John 3:16-19

DAY 5: Luke 9:18-25



WEEK 3: GOD SENT HIS SON PART 2

JESUS PERFORMED MIRACLES

Read [John 2:1-11](#) - This was Jesus' first miracle. What did Jesus' disciples do after the miracle? (v. 11)

Read [Matthew 8:23-27](#) - What miracle did Jesus do?

Read [John 9:1-7](#) - What miracle did Jesus do?

Read [Luke 8:49-55](#) - What miracle did Jesus do?

Read [John 20:30-31](#) - Why were some of Jesus' miracles written in the Bible for us to read?

JESUS TAUGHT OTHERS

Read [Matthew 7:28-29](#) - How did the people feel about Jesus' teaching?

Read [Luke 4:31-32](#) - What did Jesus do?

How did the people feel? Why?

WEEK 3: GOD SENT HIS SON - PART 2

JESUS DIED ON A CROSS

Read Luke 23:44-46

We all do wrong. We deserve to be punished. But Jesus loved us so much that He let Himself be punished in our place. He died for us because He loves us.

Read Romans 5:6-8

Fill in the blanks from verse 8:

But God showed his great _____ for us by sending _____ to die for us while we were still _____.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 - Fill in the blanks:

Jesus _____ for us so we can _____ with Him forever.

Read Ephesians 5:2 -

Why did Jesus die for us?

Because Jesus died for us, we can be forgiven for the wrong that we do.

Because Jesus died for us, we can live with Him forever.

WEEK 3: GOD SENT HIS SON - PART 2

JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD

Read Matthew 28:5-7

What did the angel tell the women about Jesus?

Read Romans 4:24-25

Fill in the blanks.

God _____ Jesus from the dead. (v.24)

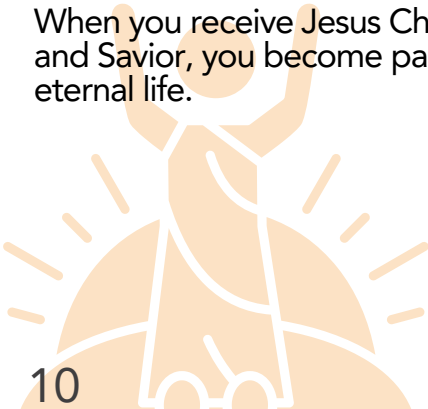
Why was Jesus raised to life? (v.25)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Ephesians 2:8

We are separated from God because of sin, but we are brought together with God because of Jesus!

Since eternal life is a gift, it cannot be earned. It can only be received.

When you receive Jesus Christ and trust Him as your Lord and Savior, you become part of God's family and receive eternal life.



WEEK 4: WHAT DOES GOD WANT? - PART 1

Just knowing about God's plan isn't enough. You must do something about it. God gave us a gift by sending Jesus to die for the our sins.

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE GOD'S FREE GIFT?

1. The first step to receiving God's gift is **BELIEVING**. You must believe that Jesus is God's son, that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that God raised Jesus from the dead.

"But to all who "believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

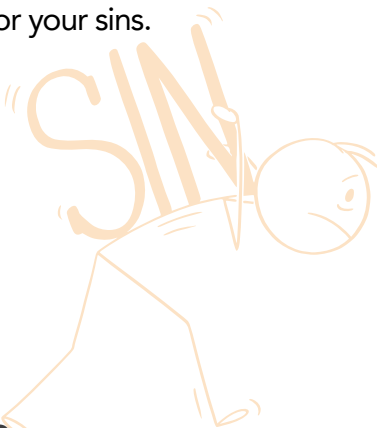
Do you believe that Jesus is God's son, died and rose again? If you have any questions, write those down and/or discuss them with the adult helping you with this guide.

2. The next step is **CONFESSION**. To confess to God means to tell Him how sorry you are for the sins that you have committed.

"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."

I JOHN 1:9

When you are ready, take some time to tell God how sorry you are for your sins.



WEEK 4: WHAT DOES GOD WANT? - PART 1

3. The third step is **REPENTANCE**. To repent means that you have a change of heart. It is very similar to making a U-turn in a car. You completely change the bad things in your heart and replace them with good things from God.

For you to repent, you must be honestly sorry for all the bad stuff you have done against God. Repentance only happens when we are truthful with God.

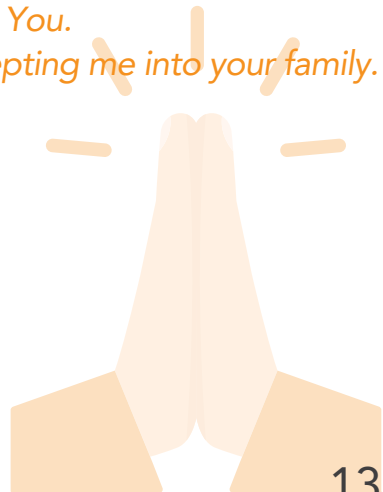
“Now then, repent then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.” Acts 3:19

These steps can be accomplished through a very simple, yet very personal & meaningful prayer.

You might pray something like this with your parent(s) to confess your need for Jesus and your belief in Him:

Jesus, I believe You are God’s Son. Thank You for dying on the cross so that my sins can be forgiven. I am sorry that I sinned and I want to stop sinning and start following You. I want to accept You into my heart to have eternal life. I want to serve You and tell others about You.

*Thank You for loving me and accepting me into your family.
Amen.*



WEEK 5: WHAT DOES GOD WANT?- PART 2

What a wonderful moment it is when someone receives Jesus! The Bible says the angels in Heaven rejoice when a soul is saved. (see Luke 15:7)

Do you know what people in the Bible did whenever they asked Jesus into their hearts? They were baptized!

...“Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

Baptism is important because it shows the beauty of what God is accomplishing in us. It shows on the outside what is going on in the inside. Jesus too was baptized, by John the Baptist before He began His ministry.

Read Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus gave you the ultimate example! He went and was baptized by John. If you wish to follow Jesus and become part of His family, then you'll want to be as much like Jesus as possible.

He not only gave us an example, but a clear command. In the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:19, He said, “...go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...”

Jesus gave us a command. A command we should obey.

WEEK 5: WHAT DOES GOD WANT?- PART 2

BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Baptism is an object lesson, a **symbol** of an incredible spiritual truth. A truth that shows your willingness to publicly agree that you need to be cleaned and transformed. That you need to die to your old ways and rise up to live a new life.

Everyday we see symbols around us.

Can you match the symbol with the item? Draw a line from the symbol to the correct box.



Cross 

Heart 

Dove 

American Flag 

Peace

America

Love

Jesus' Death

What other symbols can you think of?

Baptism is a physical **symbol** of the death and burial of the old, and the rebirth that occurs when someone becomes part of God's family. That is why we are immersed under water. The word "baptize" actually means to "dip under."

WEEK 5: WHAT DOES GOD WANT?- PART 2

Read Matthew 10:32-33

In verse 32, what does Jesus ask us to do?

Read Romans 10:9-10 - What two things are we asked to do?

1. _____
2. _____

When God forgives our sins, He takes them away just like erasing a chalkboard. They are not there anymore. They are gone and forgotten. We do not need to feel ashamed and everything is right between us and God, just the way God wanted it in the beginning.

This is not something that we earn or even deserve. It's a wonderful free gift from God!

Write down any questions you have.



WEEK 5: WHAT DOES GOD WANT?- PART 2

Read Acts 22:16

When Ananias spoke to Saul, what did he tell him to do?

Why was he to be baptized?

Read 1 Peter 3:21-22 - What do these verses say about baptism?

Read Acts 8:26-39 - About the man from Ethiopia. When the man in the chariot heard about Jesus as Philip explained the Scripture to him, he believed in Jesus and turned toward Him. Then he asked to be baptized.

You may also want to read Acts 16:13-15 about Lydia and the jailer at Philippi in Acts 16:25-34.

WEEK 6: BELONGING TO CHRIST

The water alone does not save us, but baptism shows our obedience and that we are willing to make a commitment to become part of God’s family. When you become part of His family you are called by a new name: CHRISTIAN, which means “a follower of Christ.”

A Christian has a special relationship with God. God is your Heavenly Father and you are His child.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

BAPTISM - MAKING A COMMITMENT

Write a short paragraph describing how you think you will be different after you are baptized and become part of God’s family.



WEEK 6: BELONGING TO CHRIST

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- Our sins are forgiven and when we do wrong we can pray to God and He will forgive us.
- We belong to Jesus. We are called “Christian,” which means “a follower of Christ” or “belonging to Christ.”
- We are part of Christ’s body - The Church - the family of God.
- The Holy Spirit lives within us to help us and to guide us.
- We will live for Jesus and tell others about Him and His wonderful love.
- We are promised eternal life in Heaven.

SOME IMPORTANT WORDS

Look up and write a definition for these two words.

Savior:

Lord:

Everyone wants a savior! No one wants to be lost. But it is much harder to have someone be your Lord because that means they are in charge of your life.

When you become part of God’s family, you are asking Jesus to be your Savior and your Lord. He will be in charge of your life. You are no longer the boss — Jesus is. It is a very important commitment.

Are you ready to let Jesus be in charge of your life?

WEEK 6: BELONGING TO CHRIST?

Being part of a family requires a commitment and certain responsibilities. Write down the responsibilities you have at home in your family.

There are certain responsibilities when you are part of God's family too. Some of them are:

1. Reading your Bible daily.
2. Talking to God each day in prayer.
3. Worshipping God in His house regularly.
4. Telling others about Jesus.

Write down a plan of how you will do each of these things when you become a Christian. Perhaps you are doing them already. Great! If not, tell how you will make time to do each one.

Reading your Bible:

Praying:

Worshipping God:

Telling others:



QUESTIONS

Write down any notes or questions you would like to ask.



NEXT STEPS

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