

## Salvation

### **Is my child ready to ready to ask Jesus to be the Lord of their life?**

Use the following five questions to help you determine if your child is ready to ask Jesus to be the Lord of their life. Remember, there are no magic answers to the questions. The main goal is to determine if your child recognizes that sin separates them from God and that Jesus' death on the cross makes them right with God. You will also find some things to say if your child doesn't seem to be grasping these spiritual concepts. Make sure you read the suggested verses as a tool to help you.

### **Who is Jesus? Look Up Matthew 3:16-17.**

This is an easy question to answer and will get your child comfortable with answering questions. Their answer will be pretty simple. ***"He's God's Son."***

### **What is sin? Then ask: Have you ever sinned? Look up Romans 3:23.**

Younger kids may not understand the word sin. In NCCKids we teach according to 1 John 3:4, ***that sin is breaking God's law*** such as lying, Cheating, stealing, and disobedience to parents. Talk about these things with your child recognizing that all of us sin. Feel free to take your child through the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). This will help them see God's standards compared to ours. Ultimately, you're looking for your child to see themselves in need of a Savior (James 1:20, Romans 7:7, Galatians 3:24).

### **What did Jesus do on the cross? Why did He have to die? Look Up 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.**

Again, these should be simple responses. ***"Jesus died on the cross"*** or ***"Jesus died for our sins and took our punishment"*** or ***"So we could be forgiven."***

**Note:** If you don't feel that your child understands either what sin is or that Jesus died to take our sin away, then simply table the discussion. You might say something like: ***"I'd like us to keep talking about this more over the next few months."***

### **What happens to our sin when we turn from our sin and put our trust in Jesus?** Most responses will be very simple. ***"Jesus takes away our sin."***

### **Do you want to ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life?**

If, yes then great! This is the best part. Here is a prayer you may use. Have your child repeat each line after you.

***“Dear Jesus, I am a sinner and I need you to save me. Forgive me for my rebellion towards you, thank you for dying on the cross and rising again from the grave. I turn from sin and turn to you. Because of this, I am forgiven. I want You to be the leader of my life. Help me live my life for You. Amen.”***

### **Congratulations!**

You’ve just led your child into a relationship with Jesus. There are few experiences as valuable as this! The next steps are very important. Encourage your child to read their Bible regularly, pray, and get water baptized.

See [Water Baptism](#) for next step!