



FIRST STEPS



Faith conversations are important, but can sometimes feel overwhelming. In Cross Point Kids, we desire to partner with you and have created this resource that provides kid-friendly language, while answering some of those big questions. Feel free to use this guide in the way that works for you - putting words to big questions, opening up conversations about Jesus and encouraging honest moments in your home.

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die, but will have eternal life." John 3:16

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

As you continue the conversation, we've included the questions from our time together, along with some responses to serve as a guide.

WHY DO YOU THINK TALKING ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS IMPORTANT?

- You have a very important purpose in life that only you can accomplish. God has gifted you with many resources in order to glorify Him. Our lives are not meant to serve ourselves. The purpose of every person's life is to know God, obey Him and share Him with others. God is excited to do life with you!

WHY DO YOU THINK GOD LOVES YOU?

- God says that you are created in His image in Genesis 1:27. God breathed His own life into us. God says we are His masterpieces. Psalm 139:14 says God made us amazing and wonderful.
- John 3:16 says "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life." It says God loves the whole world! He created each one of us, and He thinks each one of us is special and unique. In fact, He created us so we could have a perfect relationship with Him.

WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE ON THE CROSS?

- Every person has sinned. Because we sin, we separate ourselves from God, who is perfect. God didn't want us to be apart from Him, but our sinful nature caused that to happen. God had a plan to bring us back to Him. Since the price of sin is death, a sacrifice had to be made to make things right. The problem was, there was nothing we could do to fix things between God and us. Fortunately, God knew exactly what to do! That's why Jesus came to Earth. He lived a perfect, sinless life so He could be the sacrifice that brings us back to God. Isaiah 53:5 says that by Jesus' wounds, we are healed. His sacrifice allows us to be saved because He paid the price that we deserved. That's why Jesus died — to save us from our sins. And because of His sacrifice, we have the opportunity to live forever with Him.
- Every person is a sinner. "Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory" (Romans 3:23). The punishment for sin is death. "When you sin, the pay you get is death" (Romans 6:23b). We can't save ourselves by good works. "God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift" (Ephesians 2:8). God allowed His own Son to die to take the punishment for sin. "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life" (John 3:16)

WHY DO YOU WANT TO MAKE JESUS THE LEADER OF YOUR LIFE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO LIVE HIS WAY?

- The things that are important to Jesus will be important to me. Living means "continuing to be alive." God wants us to live a life that honors Him. When we live a life that honors God, we are living our life for Him. While Jesus is not physically on earth, we can show the world that we are followers of Jesus through our actions and our words.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE JESUS THE LEADER OF YOUR LIFE?

In John 3:16, we see God loved us so much that He gave His only son. He invites us into a relationship with Him that is as easy as ABC.

ADMIT - Admit that we've messed up, that we've sinned, and that we need Jesus to make things right. We get to ask God for forgiveness.

BELIEVE - Believe that Jesus is who He said He is. That He is God and that He lived, died, and was raised back to life.

CHOOSE - Choose to follow Jesus and ask Him to be the leader of your life. That you choose to live His way and not your own way.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS? NOW WHAT?

HOW CAN OUR FAMILY PUT PRACTICES INTO PLACE THAT BUILD A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

- Any relationship we want to strengthen takes effort. We get to know friends by spending time with them. That's the way to build our relationship with Jesus! God gave us an incredible book, The Bible, that lets us read stories about Him and get to know Him. He also wants us to talk to him anytime, anywhere and about anything. We can use the gifts He gave us to serve others.

WHAT IS BAPTISM AND HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS READY?

- Baptism is an outward act of obedience for an inward personal decision to trust in Jesus, making Him the leader of your life. That personal decision is **admitting** that we've sinned and that we need Jesus to make things right, **believing** that Jesus is who He said He is, and **choosing** to follow Jesus and asking Him to be the leader of your life. Baptism reminds all believers of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. When we go under the water and come back up, we are reminded that we are given a new life in Christ.

We are so grateful you chose to spend time with us, allowing us to partner with you as you lead your child. If your child is ready for the next step and would like to sign up for baptism, visit crosspoint.tv/baptism