

LEADING A CHILD TO CHRIST



A child may say to you :

- "I want to be a Christ-follower"
- "I want to accept the gift of Jesus"
- "I want to accept Jesus into my heart"
- "I want to know that I will go to heaven"

1. Start off by asking the child if they want to **talk/pray** with you.
2. Then, **ask** the child if they have ever prayed to receive Christ, accept Jesus, been saved (whatever wording they use) before. If YES, then assure them that once they have prayed that prayer, they are saved once and for always! No need to do it again. That is so great!
3. If NO, then **walk through** these steps!

A – ADMIT you are a sinner (Romans 3:23)

- ask the child to define/describe sin (bad things we do)
- let them know that every person in the world has sinned
- ask the child if they are a sinner (important step to admit sin before moving forward)

B – BELIEVE that Jesus died, was buried and rose again for YOU (Romans 6:23)

- explain that sin had to be paid for—a punishment (Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death*) in Hell for all eternity
- but God sent his son Jesus to take on the punishment. Even though Jesus led a perfect life and NEVER sinned (since he is God) he loved us so much he took on the punishment for us
- ask the child if Jesus stayed dead (should know the rest of the story)
- explain that Jesus rose from the dead, and his death and resurrection is a special GIFT that God gives us, instead of punishment, if we are willing to accept it!

C – CALL upon Jesus to save you (John 1:12)

- ask the child if they like to get gifts
- explain that this gift is the gift of eternal life—being with God in heaven forever and ever
- ask if they want to accept the gift that God offers—that Jesus died, was buried and rose again so we could live in heaven
- the child can talk to God right now and ask for the special gift he offers
- let the child pray, but they may need a little coaching using the A,B,Cs here (1 John 5:13)