



Conversation Guide: Living for Jesus

Parents, we want you to be able to have Christ-centered conversations with your kids about what it means to live a life with Jesus Christ. Feel free to use this *guide* below as you navigate some of the questions your kids might ask you. As always, we are here for you, partnering with you on this journey.

Talk tip: Remember to keep this a conversation. **ASK** questions and pause for their response. Create a safe environment for your child to talk. (Think: on a walk, in the yard playing ball, etc. Not interview style at the kitchen table.) Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the words to say! Feel free to let this be a natural conversation that takes place over time. Kids are curious, so we want you to be ready when your child is ready to talk about having a relationship with Jesus Christ!

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- **Who is Jesus? Why do you want to ask Jesus to be your Savior?**
[Jesus is God's Son. He lived a perfect life and then died on a cross to pay for our sins. God showed that death was defeated by raising Jesus from the dead three days later. Jesus died so we could have a relationship with God. He died because He loves us.]
 - **What did Jesus do for us? What makes Him so special and important?** *[He died on the cross for our sins so that we can have a relationship with God. **Talk tip:** This is a special time for you to tell your story and share your testimony with your child. Why is Jesus special to you? What did He do for YOU?]*
 - **"For the wages of sin is death," he wrote, "but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23**
 - **What is sin?** *[Sin is the angry, unkind, selfish, or wrong things we do that keep us from having a relationship with God. Examples include: telling a lie, hitting a sibling, disobeying your parents, etc.]*
 - **Who sins?** *[Everyone has sinned. Jesus is the only one who never sinned. **Talk tip:** Kids are tempted to think that they don't always sin or*

just their siblings do. This is a great time to be honest and remind them that even as an adult, you aren't perfect.]

- **“Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” Romans 3:23**

- **What does God say you need to do if you want to follow Him?** *[If you believe Jesus paid the price for your sins on the cross, all you have to do is ask His forgiveness for your sins and He will forgive you!]*
 - **“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9**

- **What changes when you ask for forgiveness from your sins and follow God?** *[When Jesus saves you, you get a new life in heaven and a new life on earth. That means you get to follow God on earth, and someday you will see Him in heaven, where you will live forever.]*

- **What does it mean to follow God? What are some ways you can follow God?** *[Following God means loving and obeying Him. You won't always do it right, but that's okay. Some ways you can follow God by praying to Him, reading your Bible, being kind to others, and going to church. **Talk tip:** One way we teach kids to follow God is by telling them that God is our best friend. He wants to hang out with us, spend time with us, talk to us, etc. Ask them how they talk to their best friend. Tell them that just like they talk to “Johnny,” they can talk to God ANYTIME about ANYTHING.]*

If you have started a conversation like this with your child, we would love to meet with you.

Email us at khays@northwaychurch.net and we would love to connect with you!