

Use this guide to help your family learn about faith.

First, watch this week's video!

Faith: Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

Memory Verse

"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 NIV

Bible Story

Salvation Is God's Gift
Ephesians 2:8-9

Bottom Line

Jesus is a gift for everyone.

Activity

For Everyone

What You Need:

Sheets of paper; scissors; markers or crayons

What You Do:

Set up the paper, scissors, and markers/crayons somewhere you can sit and color together. Invite your child to do an activity with you.

Say, "We're going to draw the faces of people we know. Let's start with our family. Then we'll draw our friends. Then we'll draw people we see in our community, like the bus driver or the gas station worker."

Direct your child to draw the faces of the people listed above. Try to fit a few faces on one sheet of paper. You can get in on the drawing too. Help your child label each face. While you're working, engage your child in conversation about the people you're drawing.

When you're finished drawing, either cut out or help your child cut out all the faces. Line up the faces across the surface where you're working. Say, "God offers salvation to each of us, through Jesus, as a complete and total gift. God offers this amazing gift to EVERYONE—every single person we drew today. Jesus is a gift for you, and Jesus is a gift for everyone!"

Talk About the Bible Story

What is your favorite Christmas or birthday gift that you have ever received?

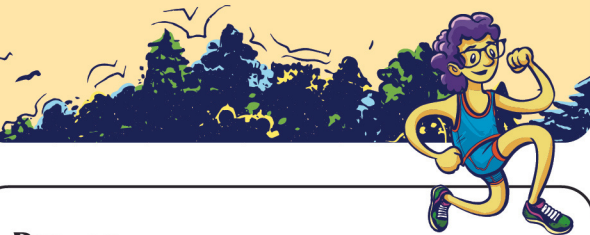
What do you have to do in order to receive a gift? (*Nothing; you just have to accept it.*)

How does it make you feel that God offers the gift of salvation to literally everyone ever created?

What does it mean to put your faith in Jesus as your Savior? (*You trust and believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins.*)

How does our faith in Jesus change the way we live? (*We can be confident that Jesus is always with us; we can pray, read the Bible, and talk to other believers to make our faith stronger; we can show God's love to others by the way we treat them.*)

Parent: Share about when you accepted the gift of salvation. If you have not yet prayed to receive Jesus as your Savior, simply share with your child what you do know about salvation. You can also read *John 3:16* from the Bible.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You SO MUCH for offering Your incredible gift of salvation through Jesus. There's nothing we can do to earn it. It's Your complete and total gift. Thank You for this gift that is for everyone. Help us all to believe and trust in Jesus, and to live by faith each day. We love You so much, Lord. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."