

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 NlrV

Bible Story

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

Key Question

How do you feel when you get a gift?

Activity

Naming Names

What You Need:

Two sheets of paper; two writing utensils; timer

What You Do:

Invite your child to do an activity with you. Divide the paper and writing utensils between the two of you.

Explain that when you say "go," you both will have two minutes to write down the names of as many people as you know.

These can be family members, friends, neighbors, classmates, etc. They don't necessarily need to be people that you or your child are close with. They can even be people you don't particularly get along with.

Set the timer to two minutes. Start the timer and get to writing!

Once the time is up, both of you count how many names you were able to write down. See who listed the most names.

If time allows, go through the lists and mark off any duplicates that you both listed. Then see who has the most unique names listed.

When you're finished, say, "We named a lot of people, didn't we? Isn't it amazing that Jesus came to save every single person on that list—and every person we didn't name too? God offers the gift of salvation to everyone."

Talk About the Bible Story

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

How do you feel when you get a gift?

Why is Jesus the best gift we could ever receive? (*God sent Jesus to be our Savior.*)

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."