

Leading a Child to Christ

You don't need special training or a theological degree to guide a child toward accepting Jesus as Savior. If you sense a child might like to know more about what it means to trust and follow Jesus, use the steps below as a guide. Trust the Holy Spirit, who has already prompted the heart of the person, to be with and help you.

1. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES YOU?

God loves you and all people. He wants to have a loving friendship with you. John 3:16 tells us that God loves us so much that He sent his one and only Son, Jesus, to make forgiveness possible, and so we could have life forever with God.

2. DO YOU KNOW WHAT SIN IS?

Sin is disobeying God. Sin breaks our friendship with God and separates us from Him. Romans 3:23 says everyone has sinned. The Bible says in Romans 6:23 the consequence of sin is death, but the gift of God is life forever in Jesus.

3. DO YOU KNOW WHO JESUS IS?

Jesus, God's only Son, came to earth and obeyed God's plan for salvation. That plan meant Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the whole world. Then God raised Jesus from the dead, showing his power over sin and death! Jesus is alive today. He loves you and wants to be your Savior and friend forever.

4. WOULD YOU LIKE JESUS TO BE YOUR SAVIOR AND FRIEND?

A – Admit that I have sinned (disobeyed God) and I need God's forgiveness.

B – Believe (trust) that God loves me and sent his Son Jesus so that I can be forgiven. Show that belief/trust by asking Jesus to forgive me.

C – Celebrate that I am now a child of God, and the Holy Spirit now lives in me to help me follow Jesus.

5. WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRAY?

Using the above ABC as a guide, lead the person in a prayer in which they admit sin, ask for forgiveness, and give God thanks for what Jesus is now doing in their life.