



Is Your Child Ready to Accept Jesus?

Is your child ready to accept Jesus as their Lord, Savior, and friend?

This guide is intended to encourage conversation between you and your child, help you determine if they are ready to take this step, and equip you to navigate your child through this life-changing process!

The staff and volunteers of Kingdom Kids are here to support you and be a resource wherever possible. It is such an honor to walk with you and your child through this exciting time!

1. Talk with your child.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life." John 3:16

- Every opportunity opens a window to discuss with children how Jesus is our Lord and Savior. Take little moments to discuss with your child but don't pressure their decision. It will come in time!
- If your child is ready to make the decision to follow Jesus, they should be able to tell you:
 - ♦ Jesus died to save them.
 - ♦ What sin is and that they want God's forgiveness.
 - ♦ That they want Jesus to be their Lord, Savior, and friend!

2. Pray with your child.

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from death, then you will be saved." Romans 10:9

- Take time to pray with your child over their decision.
- Below is a prayer that you can use. While you pray with your children you can ask your child to repeat out loud with you or in their head so they can begin to make the prayer their own.

"Dear God, I know that I have done wrong things that keep me from being close to you, and I am sorry. Please forgive me. I believe Jesus lived a perfect life. I believe He is your Son. I believe that Jesus died on the cross to save me and that he came back to life! Jesus, I know you love me and I want you to be my Savior, my friend and the leader of my life. Amen."

3. Celebrate their decision!

"...there is joy before the angels of God when one sinner changes his heart." Luke 15:10

The Heavens are celebrating for your child and you should too! Take time to share in this celebration with your child.

4. Tell the Children's Pastor or fill out the "I Have Decided" form located on the Parent Resource Wall.

The Children's Ministry Team and Ephrata Community Church love hearing when children decide to follow Jesus. Please share with our Children's Pastor, Laura Taylor at laura@ephratacommunity.church.

5. Encourage their journey to walk in step with Jesus.

As your child continues on their path to follow Jesus continue to encourage them to learn more and grow closer to Jesus. Here are some ideas to help your child grow in their faith:

- Come to church on the weekends and take part in Kingdom Kids class.
 - Pray and talk to God every day.
 - Read the Bible together as a family (If your child doesn't have a Bible please let Laura Taylor or Patti Good know!)
 - Encourage your child to ask questions and take time to listen to them. If you don't know the answers reach out to someone who might.
 - Discuss baptism with your child.
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