

KINDERGARTENERS NEED SALVATION



Tips for Sharing Christ with Children:

- Remember that Jesus welcomes children to come to Him (Matthew 19:14).
- Pray before sharing to prepare your own heart and sensitivity.
- Discern each child's spiritual condition: Ready to respond? Struggling to understand? Resistant?
- Open the Bible and use it to clearly share the Gospel. Focus on trusting Christ (rather than simply praying or inviting Him into their heart or saying the right words).
- Encourage a child to express his or her faith (trust) in Jesus through prayer.
- After a child responds to God's offer of forgiveness, encourage public profession of faith in Christ to friends, family, and others.
- Deal with children individually. This helps to clarify their motives and know they are trusting Christ rather than imitating their friends.
- Go through the Gospel presentation twice. Explain the Good News the first time. Then, review the Gospel and offer an opportunity to respond the second time.
- Don't manipulate a child to simply do what you want. Discern the heart attitude and present the Gospel to those you consider ready to trust Christ.

When faith in Jesus is obvious in your child, ask if he or she would like to pray. **Romans 10:9** assures us, *"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."* If your child is ready, provide support either by having him or her repeat a prayer after you or by coaching.

Here is a prayer that you can lead your child in saying—or encourage them to use their own words as they talk to God.

Dear God, You are so good to me. I know You love me. I love You, too. Today, I ask Your Son, Jesus, to come into my life to forgive me of all the things I have ever done wrong and make me a brand-new person who lives for You. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die on a cross and save me and be my King. I believe Jesus died but is alive again, and that I will live with Him one day in heaven. Help me to love You and live for You every single day of my life. Today I am a Christian. Amen.

Afterward, record the date and celebrate your child's decision! Continue to be deliberate in your support, even when doubts and confusion arise, trusting the Holy Spirit's work in leading your child to Christ.