



# **ELEMENTARY SPIRITUAL FOCUS**

**SALVATION**





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# THE WHY

By the first grade, kids can learn about and understand salvation. They can process cause and effect and relate that to sin and why we need salvation through Jesus Christ. By taking a deep dive into salvation, we can help kids understand the why, what, and how behind salvation. When we do that, we are guiding them to the starting line in their journey and relationship with Christ. What an exciting thing!

## WEEK 1: Why Do We Need Salvation?

### THE FALL:

In the beginning, God created the world without sin, but Satan tempted Eve. As a result, she and Adam ended up sinning. From that time on, sin entered the world and we had to have a Savior.

*Romans 5:12 (NIV) – “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned...”*

### ASK & THINK ABOUT:

#### 1. Why do we need a Savior?

We need a Savior because of sin. I am born with sin and need saved from that sin.

### THE LOVE:

God desires to have a relationship with you and me. He doesn't want us to be bound by sin. When we have sin in our lives, we are separated from God. God and sin cannot exist together. He wants to have a relationship with you just like He had a relationship with Adam and Eve before sin entered the world. Why? Because God loves you! Say it out loud: God loves me.

Romans 5:8 (NIV) – “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

## WEEK 1: Why Do We Need Salvation?

### ASK & THINK ABOUT:

1. **Why does God want to have a relationship with us?** He wants a relationship with us because He loves us!

### THE REDEEMER:

To be free from sin, we needed a redeemer. A redeemer is someone who pays a price for your sin so that you can be free. Jesus is the only Redeemer for our sins. We cannot do enough good things to earn our salvation. Jesus paid the price for our sins, so we didn't have to. It is a free gift that we need to accept.

*Acts 4:12* - "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

*Acts 14:6* - "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

### ASK & THINK ABOUT:

1. **Why do we need a redeemer?** We need a redeemer so that we can be free from sin.
2. **Who is the only person that can redeem us?** Jesus is the only way we can be redeemed and saved from sin.

## WEEK 2: How Do We Ask for Salvation?

### THE GIFT:

Salvation is a gift to us. We cannot earn a gift; we must accept it. When we accept this gift, we are made new or born again. Jesus talked with Nicodemus about this very thing. Once you accept this gift into your life you are repenting of your sin and deciding to change and follow Jesus.

*Ephesians 2:8-9 - “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

### ASK & THINK ABOUT:

1. **Can we earn salvation?** Salvation is a gift that we need to accept. We cannot do anything to earn salvation.

### THE CHANGE:

When you decide you want salvation, you are also agreeing that you want to follow God’s Word. That means you will read your Bible every day and do what it says. As a born-again Christian, you will still be tempted to sin and even fall to that temptation. We all mess up and when we do, we can repent of that sin and try not to fall into that temptation again. That doesn’t mean we can do bad things repeatedly and feel like we have a “get-out-of-jail-free” card. It means we truly are sorry for the sinful thing we did, and we are going to take measures (or actions) not to do that sinful thing again.

## WEEK 2: How Do We Ask for Salvation?

*Ephesians 4:22-24* - “You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

### ASK & THINK ABOUT:

#### 1. Can I do anything I want after I am saved?

Once you are saved, we need to follow in God’s ways since we are made new through Him.

### THE PRAYER:

Once you understand the reason you need salvation and agree you want to follow God’s Word with all your heart, then you are ready to pray and ask for salvation.

*Romans 10:9-10* - “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

## WEEK 2: How Do We Ask for Salvation?

“Dear Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins. I believe that He rose from the dead so that I can live with Him forever. I ask you to forgive me of all my sins and come into my heart. Be the Lord of my life. I confess with my mouth that I am born again and now your child. Thank you for saving me. Amen.”

If you prayed this prayer and believed it in your heart, you are now part of God’s team. You have just made one of the best and most important decisions in your life!

### ASK & THINK ABOUT:

- 1. How can you celebrate becoming a Christian?**  
I can tell those closest to me that I made Jesus the Lord and Savior of my life and accepted the gift of salvation.

## WEEK 3: How Do I Lead Others to Salvation?

### THE PERSON:

Our actions always speak louder than our words. Just like Christ is for us, we need to be an example to others for what it is like to be a Christian. Jesus was the perfect example for us. He learned God's Word, prayed, showed others love when they didn't deserve it, and helped others realize that God loves them unconditionally. Jesus touched the lives of those around Him because he was obedient to God's Word and was a living example for others. We will never be perfect, but we can do the same thing. We can learn more about God's Word by going to church, reading the Bible, and praying. As we learn more about God, we can love Him by being obedient to His commands and loving others. When you do this, people will notice. They will want to know more about God because of the person you decided to become in Christ.

**1 Peter 2:21** - *"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps."*

**Ephesians 5:1-33** - *"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children."*

**John 13:35** - *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

## WEEK 3: How Do I Lead Others to Salvation?

### ASK & THINK ABOUT:

#### 1. How can I be an example to others?

I can be an example by following Jesus' example and His Word. I can be kind and grow in my faith as a Christian.

#### 2. How can you grow in your faith?

I can grow in my faith by going to church, reading the Bible, and praying.

### THE SEED:

Jesus never tried to convince anyone or shame them for not believing. He spoke the truth of God's Word in a loving manner. He planted the seed of God's Word into their hearts. We can do the same thing. When someone asks us, we can tell them about God's love for them and use examples from the Bible or even our personal lives. You don't have to have a debate. Plant the seeds of God's Word into their heart by sharing what you have learned about God and by being kind.

*1 Peter 1:23 - "For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."*

### ASK & THINK ABOUT:

1. **What would you share about God to an unsaved person?** You can tell them about God's love and use examples from your life and the Bible. They may or may not choose in that moment to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, but I can plant the seed of God's Word into their heart.

## WEEK 3: How Do I Lead Others to Salvation?

### THE PRAYER:

When someone is ready to accept Jesus as the Lord and Savior of their life and be born again, just pray with them. It doesn't have to be complicated. You can pray and they repeat the prayer right after you. Once they accept Jesus into their life, celebrate with them and encourage them in their next steps of being a child of God.

“Dear Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins. I believe that He rose from the dead so that I can live with Him forever. I ask you to forgive me of all my sins and come into my heart. Be the Lord of my life. I confess with my mouth that I am born again and now your child. Thank you for saving me.  
Amen.”

*Romans 10:1 - “Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.”*

### ASK & THINK ABOUT:

1. **How can you pray for others to be saved?**  
I can say a simple prayer of salvation with them.







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