

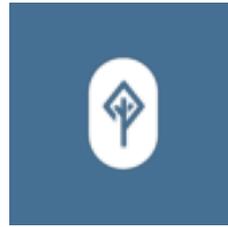
SALVATION

Family

Conversations

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FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

When Jesus was asked to name the greatest commandment of them all, He pointed us to Deuteronomy 6:5. Did you know that you can also find the Bible's greatest parenting advice in the next 3 verses?

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

At Our Purposeful Life we want to come alongside you to help you have these conversations with your children. We want to equip you to talk with your kids about faith, true identity and God's purpose. We want to encourage you to begin (and continue) these conversations, and we want to prepare you to navigate the questions that your kids will naturally ask.

When our children fully understand what they believe and why, then their faith can become their own. When they go out into the world, their character can be unshakable because of their personal relationship with the Lord. As parents we foster the growth of that personal relationship with God when we create a safe environment where doubt can be explored and questions can be answered. Where thoughts can be processed and opinions and beliefs can be formed. This loving environment that is centered around the Lord will set our kids up to find the Truth, and it will set them free. We need to be prepared to have these conversations about life and faith whenever our children are ready to talk. It's not easy, and it's not convenient, but it **is** worth it!

We invite you to join us on this journey of creating family conversations in your home!

In This Together,
Nathan and Dana

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TARGET GAME

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Print Target printable and score card
- 1 piece of paper per person
- Open floor space

EXPLANATION:

God has a plan for each one of us. He has a way that He wants us to respond and to act. We each have the choice of whether or not we want to obey God. The target represents ways you can respond to God and to your parents. In the center, the bullseye, is God's way. It is the best way to go. It represents obeying God the 1st time, obeying all the way and with a happy heart. When you don't hit the mark and do it God's way, you sin and need forgiveness.

HOW TO PLAY:

- Have each family member take their sheet of paper and tear it into 4-5 pieces
- Take each piece of paper and crumple it into individual balls
- Place the target printable in the center of the floor
- Stand 5-6 feet away from the target and take turns throwing your balls of paper at the target.
- Scoring: When you land in the center -God's way- you get 1,000 points. Obeying 2nd time circle you get 100 points. Obeying 3rd time you get 10 points. If you land outside of the circles you get zero points.
- The target can be cleared after the score is recorded
- The goal is to have as many pieces of paper land on the center of the target labeled "God's Way"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How easy was it to hit God's way, the bullseye? How easy is it to obey your parents and God the first time they ask or tell you what to do?
2. Why is it hard to obey?
3. What should we do when we choose to disobey?
4. How can we learn to obey the first time with a happy heart?

Choosing to disobey with a **DEFIANT** heart.

Obeying with a **COMPLAINING** heart.

Obeying with a **SAD** heart.

**God's
Way**

**RIGHT AWAY, ALL THE WAY,
WITH A HAPPY HEART**

Obeying the **SECOND** time

Obeying the **THIRD** time

Choosing to disobey and do it **YOUR OWN** way

FAMILY CONVERSATION

START THE CONVERSATION:

Depending on the age of your child you will need to explain Salvation in different ways. Remember, Salvation is actually an ongoing conversation we should be having in our family. When your children are little you can begin by reading them the stories about Jesus' birth and death on the cross. Our favorite Bible for little kids is [The Beginner's Bible](#) by Zondervan. These stories introduce who Jesus is and why He came to earth.

The next step is to introduce the concept of sin. When our kids were little we used the terms "foolish decisions" and "wise decisions". Both types of decisions have consequences. The foolish decisions bring unwanted consequences of pain and loss. Wise decisions bring blessing and joy. We also talked about choices. We explain that they were capable of making their own choices. We didn't allow them to blame others and taught them to take responsibility for their own choices.

As they start to understand the concept of choices, we introduced the word "sin." We explained that sin is any time we choose not to obey God. It is when we miss the mark and do not do what God wants us to do. We go on to explain the consequence of sin. Sin separates us from God, and the natural penalty for sin is death.

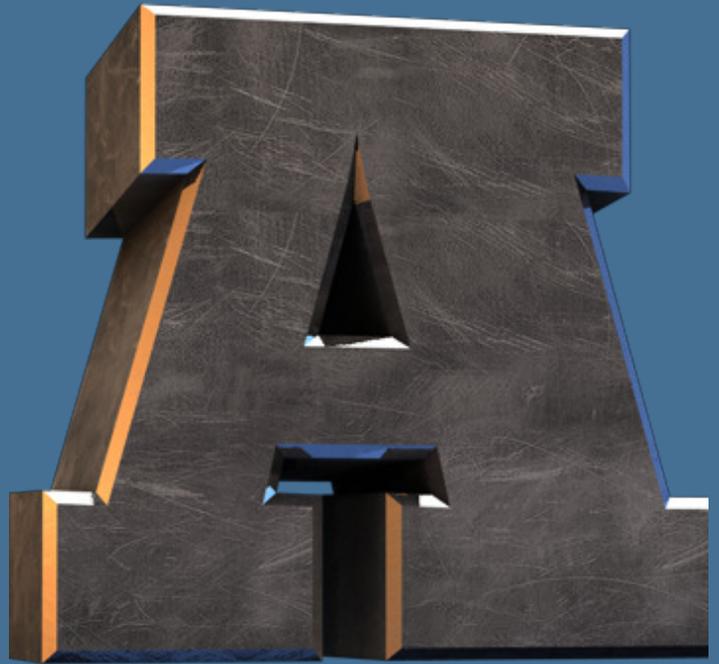
Then the most important part of the conversation is transitioning into what Jesus did for us on the cross. We have included several different ways to explain God's plan of redemption. It can be as easy as explaining the ABC's of Salvation or explaining the Romans Road. Sometimes a child needs to ask questions and explore the topic. We have included some common questions and answers. Use any or all of these tools to explain God's perfect plan of Salvation to your children. Keep the tone positive-sin is serious but salvation is good news!

Remember, this isn't a once and done conversation. The first time you talk with your child about Salvation they may or may not want to commit to serving the Lord. This is okay and really should be expected. It takes time for them to fully understand it and feel the need to take this important step. Allow them time to process the information. Answer their questions as they come up. Then pray. You shouldn't feel pressure to get it right. You just have to tell them the good news. Remember it is the Lord that will reach their hearts, and He knows exactly when and where to do it. Ask Him to lead you and trust Him to reach their hearts.

ADMIT

We can all admit that we are sinners; that we all make mistakes. When we repent, we say we are sorry and will choose to obey next time. We then ask for forgiveness of our sins.

Romans 3:23



BELIEVE

We believe that Jesus is God's Son. That He came to earth to die on the cross for our sins and take the punishment for our sins. We believe He did that so that we can spend eternity with God.

John 3:16



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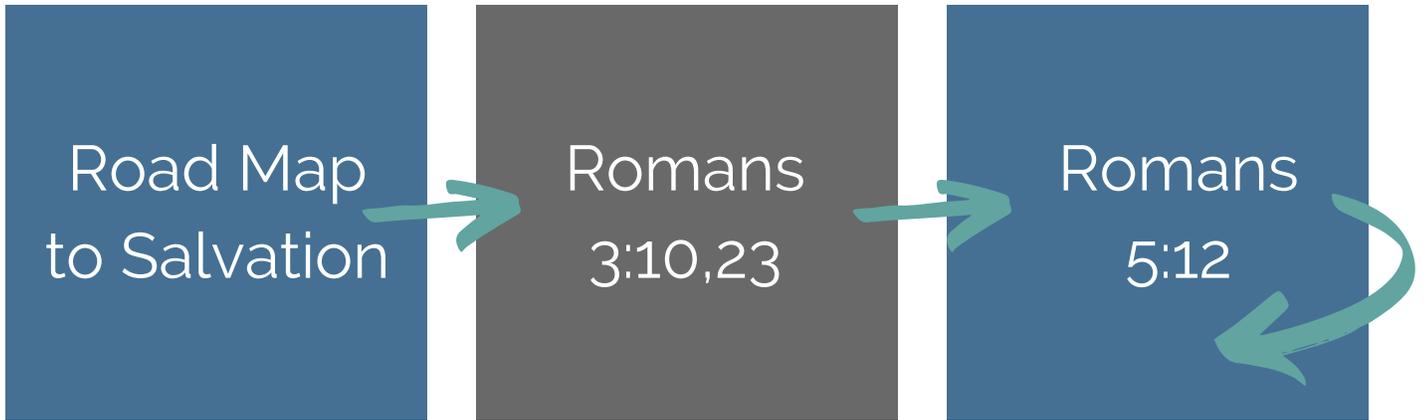
We then confess that Jesus is Lord: the King or boss of our life.

We ask Him to come into our lives to save us, change us and lead us. We declare we need His help so we can make wise decisions and choose to follow His way.

Romans 10:9-13



THE ROMANS ROAD



GOD'S PLAN FOR REDEMPTION



FIND THESE VERSES IN YOUR BIBLE. TALK ABOUT HOW EACH VERSE APPLIES TO YOU. TALK ABOUT ADMITTING YOUR SINS, BELIEVING IN JESUS AND CONFESSING HIM AS LORD OF YOUR LIFE .

FAMILY CONVERSATION

What does it mean to sin?

Sin is when we choose our way over God's way. God has a plan and a purpose for each of our lives. When we choose to disobey we do not "hit the mark" that God has for us.

Why is sinning bad?

Sin separates us from God. God is Holy and can not be with sin. When we sin we break our connection with God. The penalty for sin is death, which is complete separation from God.

Why did Jesus have to die?

Someone has to pay the penalty for the sins we have done. Jesus loved us so much that He came to earth to take our place. Jesus never sinned so He did not have to die. He **chose** to take our place. Jesus took all of our sins and died to pay the penalty for our sin so that we can be in relationship with God.

How do I become saved?

First you have to admit that you are a sinner and that you make mistakes. You will need to ask God to forgive you of your sins. Then you need to believe that Jesus is God's son. You need to believe that Jesus is God's son and that He came to earth to die on the cross for your sins. Last you need to confess that Jesus is Lord of your life. You need to invite Him into your heart and ask Him to save you, to change you into who He created you to be and to lead you from this day forward.

What do I do when I mess up?

Once you are saved, you do NOT need to ask Jesus into your heart again. Once you are saved, you are forever saved. Unfortunately, we are human and we will continue to make bad decisions. Hopefully the more you spend time with God the less often you will sin. When we do sin, we need to stop and ask God for forgiveness. We need confess what we did wrong and ask Him to forgive us and thank Him for wiping our record clean. It is also a good idea to ask God to help you to make wise decisions in the future and ask Him to lead and guide your steps.

PRAYER OF SALVATION

LEAD THEM TO THE LORD:

The most important thing you can do for your child is to lead them to the Lord. It is our job as parents to create an environment for our children to interact with the Lord. He is the only one who can reach their hearts and mold them into who He created them to be.

When your child is ready to take this big step, you first teach them that they are a sinner, that they miss the mark, and they need a Savior. Once you feel like they understand what Salvation is and what it means to make Jesus the Lord of their life you can lead them in a prayer. There is no magical prayer that gets you a ticket into heaven. The Bible says in Romans 10:9-10 that you will be saved if you admit you are a sinner, believe Jesus died and rose again, and declare Him as Lord. Here is a sample prayer you can use. Feel free to use it, or make up your own as you feel led by the Holy Spirit. It is sometimes helpful if you say a few words and have them repeat after you until the prayer is completed. Remember they need to confess it with their own mouth.

SAMPLE PRAYER:

Father God, thank You that you loved us so much that you sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of a Savior. I am sorry for the times when I disobey. I believe that Jesus died on the cross and was raised again so that I can be saved from my sin. I declare that Jesus is Lord of my life. Jesus, I ask you to save me. To change me into who you created me to be. Lead me from this day forward.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

CERTIFICATE FOR THE

Day of Salvation

On this day, _____, 20 ____

accepted Jesus Christ as Lord of their life.

**FROM THIS DAY FORWARD THEY ARE
ADOPTED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD**

*If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God
raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9*

