

THE **BIG** STORY

CONVERSATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

GOD LOVED

For God so loved the world . . .

God loved you before you were even born. He loves you right now. But there is something that separates us from Him.

Ask Your Child:

Do you know what separates us from God?

It's called sin. Sin keeps us from living out the story that God wants for us. Because of sin, we were separated from God forever. But because God loved, He made a way for all of us to live with Him forever.

GOD GAVE

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son...

God knew that our sin would keep us from living with Him forever. So, God gave us the best gift ever.

Ask Your Child:

Do you know what God gave us?

Why did God give this gift?

What did Jesus do for us?

We were apart from God, but because God loved us, He gave Jesus to pay the price of our sin. Jesus came to make a way for you to be with God forever.

WE BELIEVE

Whoever believes in him will not perish . . .

Believing means to trust. It's a lot like sitting in a chair. When you sit in a chair, you put all your weight in it. You trust that it will hold you up. When you believe in Jesus, you trust Him.

Ask Your Child:

What do you believe about Jesus?

How can you show that you trust Jesus?

You know that He is who He said He is, He did what He said He would do, and one day everything will be just as He promised it would be.

WE RECEIVE

Whoever believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life.

When you receive a gift, what do you do? You open it. When you believe in Jesus, it's like opening God's wonderful gift. John 3:16 tells us that we receive eternal life. That means we get to spend forever and ever with God in a place that He made perfect.

Ask Your Child:

What happens when you believe in Jesus?

What has God promised for all people who believe in Him?

PRAYER:

You can use the following prayer with your child as you lead them to trust Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I know I am a sinner. I know my sin should separate me from You forever. I believe Your Son, Jesus, died for my sin. I accept Your forgiveness for my sin. Thank You for loving me and for giving the gift of Jesus so I could live with You in heaven. Come into my life and be my Savior and Friend.

In Jesus' name, amen.

JUST FOR PARENTS

The Bible reveals that it was not uncommon for an entire household to trust Christ as their Savior and to be saved on the same day. If you have never trusted Christ as your Savior, or you are not sure if you have, why not settle the question for yourself as well as for your child.

Remember, we are not saved by praying a prayer. We are saved by putting our faith in Christ as our Savior. Prayer is simply a way of expressing our trust in Christ for all He has done on our behalf.