

AN AT HOME RESOURCE

FOR PARENTS TO USE WITH THEIR CHILD

The “Big Story” Questions

“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

What we need to know about God...

God Loved

Have your child fold a blank piece of paper in half and in half one more time to make 4 squares. Have them unfold it and place it in front of them. In the top left hand square have them draw a heart.

Ask Your Child:

1. What is sin?
2. Have you ever sinned? When?
3. What is the problem with sin?

God loved you before you were even born. He loves you right now. But there is something that separates us from Him. It keeps us apart from God’s big story. It’s called sin. It’s the stuff we do wrong. Sin keeps us from living out the story that God wants for us. There isn’t a way for us to ever find a way to live with God forever on our own. But because God loved, He made a way for all of us to live with Him forever.

God Gave

On the same sheet of paper in the top right hand square have your child draw a cross

Ask Your Child:

1. What did God give us?
2. Why did God give this gift?
3. What did Jesus do for us?

God gave the most important, valuable and perfect thing He had for you. He knew that our sin would keep us from living with Him forever. We’re apart from God and would stay that way, but because God loved us, He gave His son to fix that relationship. Jesus came to make a way for you to be in God’s story. And Jesus gave up His life on the cross to pay for our sin.

What we need to do...

Whoever Believes

In the bottom left hand square have your child draw a chair

Ask Your Child:

1. How can you take part in God's Big Story?
2. What does it mean to trust in something?
3. How do you know God loves you?

When you receive a gift what do you do? You open it. God said you could open His gift by believing. Believing simply 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. That's what it's like to believe in or to trust in this gift. To open the gift that God gave you, you trust Jesus with your whole life and rest in the fact that He died for you.

Lives Forever

In the bottom right hand square have your child draw a gift

Ask Your Child:

1. What happens when you believe in Jesus?
2. What are the differences in God's story and all other stories?
3. What will being a part of God's big story mean for you?

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. Once you receive this gift, it can never be taken away. There is nothing you can do to lose your place in God's family

Dear Heavenly Father,
I know I am a sinner and I repent of my sin. I know my sin should separate me from You forever. I believe Your son, Jesus, died for my sin. I accept his death as payment 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.

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

JUST FOR PARENTS

1. In the New Testament, it was not uncommon for an entire household to be saved on the same day.
2. 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.
3. Remember:
 - We are not saved by praying a prayer.
 - We are saved through repentance and 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.