

Intentional Faith Path Plan

Child's Name: _____

How will you be intentional this next year?

- ☐ Pray daily for my child.
- ☐ Consistently spend time in God's Word.
- ☐ Bless my child daily.
- ☐ Schedule and have regular family times.
- ☐ Be prepared to talk with my child about his or her faith decision.
- ☐ _____

The next step on the Faith Path is *Prayer*, recommended at age six. We will offer a free *Prayer* kit to guide you. Request the *Prayer* kit at lakepointe.org/faithpath

Recommended Resources

The Faith of a Child by Art Murray

Leading Your Kids to Christ: 30 Days to Prepare Your Heart

God's Great News for Children by Rick Osborne and Marnie Wooding

Present this guide to save 20% on any Faith Path recommended resource at the Lake Pointe Bookstore.

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**Prepare to Lead
Your Child to
Christ**

One of the greatest privileges you have as a parent is to help your child come to faith in Christ. Like many parents, you may not quite know how or when to approach one of the most exciting yet intimidating moments of parenthood. Some worry that they won't explain salvation properly. They might be tempted to just "leave it to the professionals" by relying on people at church or ministry events. That's understandable, but God has given you the most important and influential role when it comes to leading your child to Christ. This guide is designed to help you feel more comfortable about the process when that time comes.

Step One: Lay a foundation

Your son or daughter grows in his or her understanding of God by developing a foundation; hearing stories from the Bible, learning scriptures, singing about Jesus and so forth. Your child also learns by experiencing life in your home; watching your example, feeling your love and learning right from wrong. We see this in Deuteronomy 6:6-7 that says, "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Step Two: Discern readiness

Do your best to discern when your child is mature enough to put the pieces together. Avoid the temptation to push for a decision before he or she is ready to truly grasp the gospel. Your child may intellectually understand before being socially or spiritually ready. Young children are usually bonded to their parents in such a way that they want to please and do not have a full sense of a separate self. A child needs to understand that this is a personal decision and not just an opportunity to repeat rote answers.

Step Three: Ask questions

If you feel your child might be ready, ask a few questions to help gauge his or her level of understanding. For example, read Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Then ask questions like, "What is sin?" "How does your sin affect your relationship to God?" How they respond can help you sense when your child is ready to understand two important concepts:

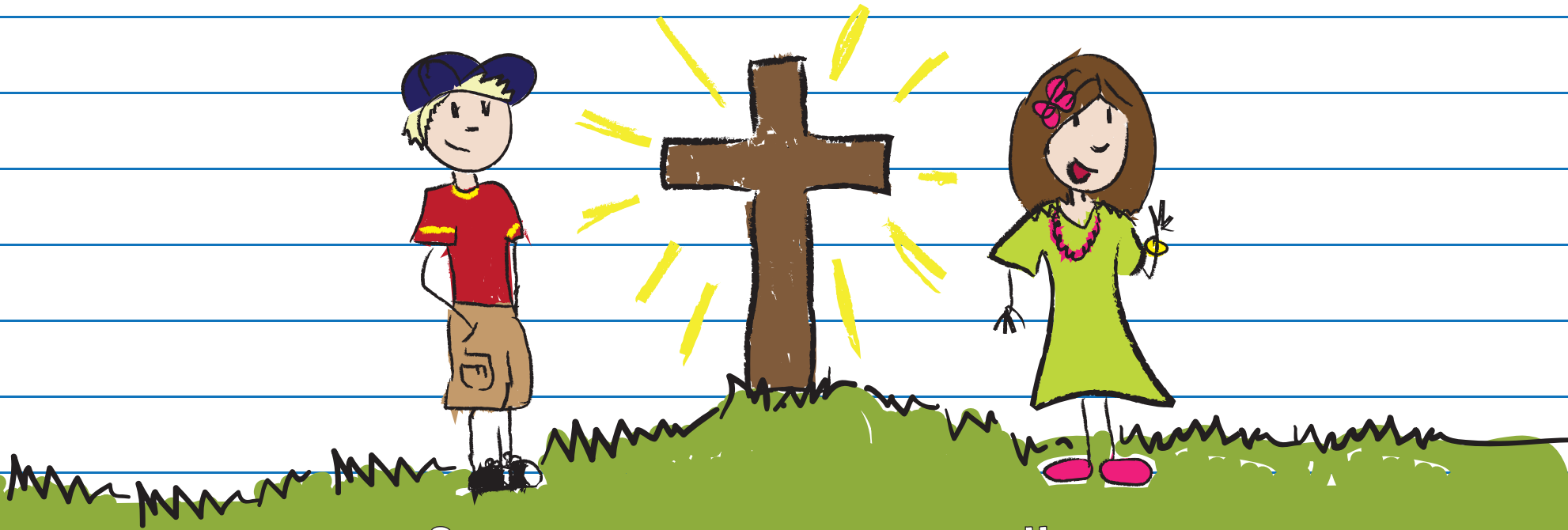
- **JESUS AS SAVIOR:** The need for forgiveness and cleansing from sin which was made possible through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross
- **JESUS AS LORD:** The need to submit to God as "the boss" by making Jesus Christ the Lord of one's life

Step Four: Guide your child in prayer for salvation

Romans 10 says, "...if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." If you sense your child has a basic understanding of what sin is as well as what it means to accept God's gift of salvation and His Lordship, then you can guide him or her to pray along those lines. Instead of quoting specific words for your child to repeat, it's best to prompt using his or her own words.

If after reading through this guide and viewing the *Prepare to Lead Your Child to Christ* video you would like additional assistance, feel free to request an appointment for you and your child to meet with a pastor or Lake Pointe staff member by visiting the Connection Center at your campus or online at lakepointe.org/Salvation. If your child has become a believer, please mail us the *My Child's Faith Decision* card to receive the free *Salvation and Baptism* kit. The *My Faith Decision* card can be used as a keepsake of this special day to store in your child's *My Faith Box*.

GOD LOVES YOU AND WANTS YOU IN HIS FAMILY!



GOD CREATED US TO WALK AND TALK WITH HIM.

WHEN WE ARE IN HIS FAMILY, GOD PROMISES ...

He will always be with us. Hebrews 13:5
He will help us do what is right. Hebrews 13:6
He will give us a great life. John 10:10

**ALL PEOPLE ARE NOT IN GOD'S FAMILY ... WHY?
BECAUSE OF SIN.**

Sin separates us from GOD.



GOD MADE A WAY FOR US TO COME BACK TO HIM.

Jesus lived, died and rose again
to pay for all the wrong we have done.



For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God
is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

How CAN YOU JOIN GOD'S FAMILY?



Before you go to the next step,
answer these questions:

1. Do you understand what Jesus did for YOU?
2. Why do you NEED Jesus to forgive you?
3. Are you ready to take that step?

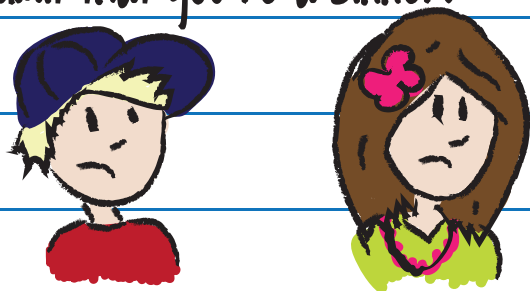
If so, it is just a matter of talking to God.
When you talk to Him, the Bible says you should:

2. Ask Jesus to forgive you.



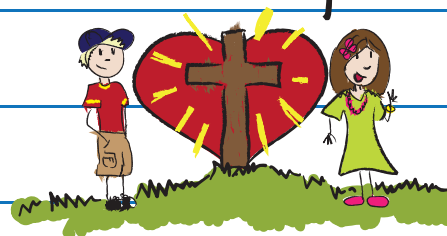
Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out ... Acts 3:19

1. Admit that you're a sinner.



... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

3. Let Jesus take control of your life.



That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

TALK TO GOD ABOUT YOUR DECISION.

Dear God,

I know that I'm a sinner. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus died for my sins. I want Jesus to come into my life and be my Savior. I want to follow Him and obey Him. I want Him to be the Lord of my life. In the name of Jesus,

Amen!

NAME _____

DATE _____

NOW THAT YOU ARE IN THE FAMILY, WHAT'S NEXT?



- Tell someone
- Go to church
- Be baptized
- Read the Bible
- Pray regularly



If you love me, you will obey what I command. John 14:15



MY CHILD'S FAITH DECISION

Child's Name

Date of Decision

Child's Date of Birth

Please fill-out this card and mail in the enclosed envelope, drop by the HomePointe Center or fill-out online at lakepointe.org/faithpath/faithdecision

We have a special Salvation & Baptism kit we will get to you once we receive information of your child's decision.
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Parent/Guardian Name

Address

City

State

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