



John 3:16

'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.'

God Loved

God loved you before you were even born. He created you in His image. And He loves you right now. But there is something that separates us from Him, something that keeps us from being with Him forever. It's called sin.

We define sin as: breaking God's rule.

Sin keeps us from living out the story that God wants for us. And on our own, we can't do anything about this. We need God to step in and help. But because God loves us, He made a way for all of us to live with Him forever.

Ask Your Child:

- 1. Have you ever sinned? When? (share your own story)**
- 2. What is the problem with sin?**

God Gave us Jesus

God gave the most important, valuable, and perfect thing He had for us. 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 us to be in God's story. And Jesus gave up His life on the cross to pay for our sin. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead! His resurrection defeated death and makes a relationship with God possible again.

Ask Your Child:

- 1. Why did God give this gift of Jesus?**
- 2. What did Jesus do for us?**

Anyone Who Believes in Jesus

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 on 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 in Jesus with your whole life and rest in the fact that He died and rose again for you.

Ask Your Child:

1. **What does it mean to trust in something?**
2. **How do you know God loves you?**

Share stories with your child:

- Times in your life when you have seen God move or answer prayer

Lives Forever

John 3:16 tells us that we receive eternal life. When you believe in Jesus and trust Him to save you, you begin a new relationship with God that starts right away and goes on forever. Someday we will still die, but we get to spend forever and ever with God in a place that He made perfect.

Have you every prayed a prayer like this?

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 sins. 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.

Next Steps - Love Jesus & GROW!

G - gospel

R - relationships

O - obedience

W - works