



FOLLOWING JESUS

A CONVERSATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS & KIDS

JUST FOR PARENTS

At Cypress, we believe parents are the primary spiritual influence in a child's life. When your child starts asking questions about Jesus, this guide gives you a simple place to begin. Ask questions, listen well, and let your child answer in their own words. You do not need to have every answer.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

You don't have to navigate these conversations alone! Visit our [Leading Your Child to Christ](#) page for additional resources and next steps to help your child grow in their relationship with Jesus.

GOD LOVES US

God made us, knows us, and loves us. He created us to know Him and have a relationship with Him. His love is not something we earn - it is who He is and what He freely gives.

READ TOGETHER *John 3:16*

ASK YOUR CHILD

- How do you know God loves you?
- What are some ways God shows His love to us?

WE ALL NEED JESUS

Sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God's way. Everyone sins. Sin separates us from God, and we cannot fix that separation by trying harder or being good enough. We need Jesus.

READ TOGETHER *Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23*

ASK YOUR CHILD

- What is sin?
- Can you think of a time you chose your way instead of God's way?
- Why do we need Jesus?

KEEP IT SIMPLE Listen for what they understand, and let the conversation grow over time.

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JESUS MADE A WAY

Because God loves us, He sent Jesus, His Son. Jesus lived without sin, died on the cross for our sin, and rose again. Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven and have a relationship with God.

READ TOGETHER Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

ASK YOUR CHILD

- Who is Jesus?
- What did Jesus do for us?
- What happened after Jesus died?

WE CAN CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS

Salvation is a gift from God. We receive it by trusting Jesus and choosing to follow Him. It isn't something we can earn by being good enough.

READ TOGETHER Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9

ASK YOUR CHILD

- What does it mean to trust Jesus?
- Do you believe Jesus died and rose again for you?
- Do you want to choose to follow Jesus? Why?

AS YOU LISTEN

Listen for your child to express, in their own words, that they need Jesus, believe He died and rose again for them, and want to trust and follow Him. The decision should be personal and come from their own heart.

PRAY TOGETHER

If your child wants to follow Jesus, invite them to talk to Him in their own words. Prayer is a simple way to express their trust in Jesus and their desire to follow Him.

IF THEY NEED HELP GETTING STARTED

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for loving me no matter what. I know I make wrong choices, and I need Your forgiveness. I believe You died on the cross for me and came back to life. Please forgive me and help me follow You. I want You to be my best forever friend.
Amen!

WHAT NOW?

1. Celebrate your child's decision together.
2. Let your Cypress Kids team know so we can celebrate with your family and support their next steps.
3. Keep helping your child know and experience God through prayer, the Bible, worship, church, and conversations at home.
4. If your child is in 4th grade or older and begins asking about baptism, use the Cypress Kids Baptism Conversation Guide.

Choosing to follow Jesus is the beginning of a lifelong relationship. Keep talking, asking questions, and growing together.