

KEEPING IT SIMPLE

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have eternal life. (John 3:16)

GOD LOVED

God loved you before you were even born. He loves you right now. But there is something that separates us from him. It's called sin. It's the stuff we do wrong. Because God is perfect, there is no way we can get into his family on our own. But because God loved, he did what people in love do. He gave.

GOD GAVE

God gave his most valuable possession for you. He knew that our sin would keep us out of his family album forever. We were apart from God and would stay that way, but because he loved, he gave his son in order to fix that relationship. Jesus gave up his life to pay for our sin. He came to make a way for you to be in God's family.

WE BELIEVE

When you receive a gift, what do you do? You open it. God said you could open his gift by believing. To believe is "to trust." Think of a chair. When you sit, 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 Jesus with your whole life and rest in the fact that he died for you.

WE RECEIVE

John 3:16 tells us that we receive eternal life. That means we get to spend eternity 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.



SALVATION

Here is an example of a prayer you can pray with a student if they are ready to accept Jesus. Remember that a prayer doesn't save a student—Jesus does. So, do not worry about the wording or getting it right. This prayer is just a mile marker in their lives to represent what has happened in their hearts.

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 me. 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 someday. Come into my life and be my Savior and friend.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen.*

After you say this prayer with the student, tell them how proud you are of them and encourage them to share their decision with their family and friends.