



NEXT STEPS

Next Step: Baptism Class on _____

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Register online when you are ready
to take the next step.

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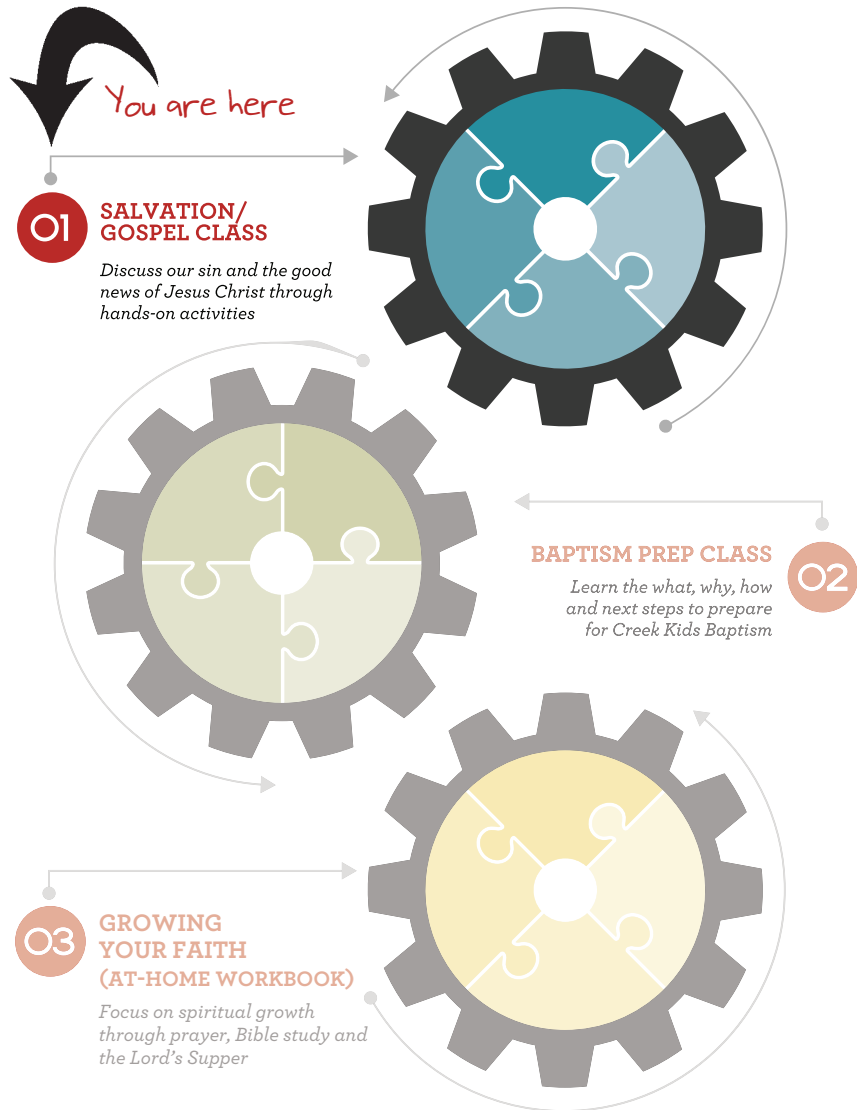
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**SALVATION /
GOSPEL CLASS**

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Thank you for attending the Salvation/Gospel Class. Did you know that Creek Kids offers three Family Workshop classes to partner with parents? Register at clearcreek.org/classes



ABC Prayer

In Creek Kids, we talk about the Gospel, or good news of Jesus Christ. What if your child is ready and comes to an understanding of their sin and need for a savior?

What next? Pray the ABC's. This is a very simple guideline for how you can pray when you want to turn away from your sin and turn toward God.



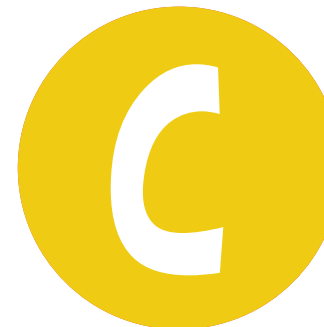
A = Admit
Admit your sin to God

Tell God you are sorry for your sin.



B = Believe
Believe Jesus is God's Son

Tell God what you believe about Jesus and who he is.



C = Choose
Choose to accept Jesus as Savior

Tell God you accept the gift of Jesus who died in your place.
 Pray: "I choose to follow Jesus."



Parent's Guide

TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT SALVATION AND BAPTISM

“How do I truly know if my child knows what Jesus has done for them, and if my child is ready to take the big step of being baptized?”

On the one hand you do not want to do it too early and give a false assurance for a commitment that has not been fully made. On the other hand, you do not want to do it too late and stifle the work of God and the desire for your child's step of obedience.

There are two factors that may contribute to kids wanting to be saved and baptized too early:

- Peer pressure – other kids are doing it
- Pleasing authority figures – parents or teachers are expecting me to do it

1 The first step is to discern if either of these two factors are present. What has motivated your child's interest for salvation and/or baptism?

2 Once you have eliminated the possibility for other motives, you need to gauge their level of understanding. Focus on two areas: *sin* and *substitution*.

Explain to your child that sin is anything we think, say or do that does not please God.

Jesus' death on the cross was an act of receiving punishment we deserved; therefore, He became the substitute. Children understand this concept of substitution through having “substitute teachers” in school.

In gauging your child's understanding of the Gospel, make sure they have an awareness, conviction and repentance of their sinful nature.

3 If there is any hesitation that your child has grasped these concepts, they probably do not fully understand salvation, and would not be ready to be baptized. If you feel they do understand, the next step is to look for evidence of the Holy Spirit in their life. Do they hunger for the Bible, desire to pray, engage in church, initiate talks with God, seek forgiveness?

If these elements are in your child's life, they are probably ready to ask Jesus to be their Lord and Savior. Use the “ABC Prayer” guide.

4 Finally, if you and your child choose to pursue baptism, we encourage you to sign up for the Creek Kids Baptism Prep class offered at Family Workshop. In this class, you will learn the what, why, how and next steps for Baptism.

SALVATION / GOSPEL Bible Verses

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
– John 1:1
(Understand that “the Word” means “Jesus”)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
– John 1:14
(Understand that “the Word” means “Jesus”)

... but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,[a] being born in the likeness of men.
– Philippians 2:7

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
– John 14:6

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.
– Acts 4:12

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile [pointless] and you are still in your sins.
– 1 Corinthians 15:17

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
– Hebrews 4:15

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit
– 1 Peter 3:18

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

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.
– John 10:27-30



TEACH THE GOSPEL WITH THE Bridge Illustration

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

– Romans 6:23 –



WRITING YOUR Faith Story

Remember

Reflect on your life before Christ and your life after Christ. Include whatever is relevant to your faith journey: special people, home, family, God moments and your feelings, etc. Write down these thoughts and fill out the “My Story” form.

Review

Can kids relate to your lifestyle? Is it clear that you did something when you gave your life to Jesus? Can kids understand what you did? Is the change or impact Christ has made simple to understand?

Reminders

Be clear about your salvation. Remember you are telling your story to children.

SHARING YOUR Faith Story

K.I.D.S.

Kids are concrete, literal thinkers. Choose kid-friendly language.

Invite participation. Tell it as a story allowing kids to engage.

Don't focus too much on your past sins. Sometimes kids will focus on the sin instead of your story.

Smile. How you say it and your body language are the biggest focus of the listener! All people, kids included, focus on:

Non-Verbal Cues 55%,
HOW it's said and 38%
WHAT is said, only 7%

Tips for Young Children

- Use very simple words
- Use non-verbal expression
- Help them find connections between the world and God
- Write and speak your ideas with clear, simple words of truth, using four or fewer words for each statement.

Pray

Finally, pray! Ask God to give you wisdom and opportunity. Live an authentic, real life in front of your kids. Laugh a lot. Hug a lot. Tell them your story. Ultimately, it's God's job to change hearts.

Encouragement

FOR PARENTS

Live an Authentic Life

Let your faith pour out naturally from a real, authentic relationship with Jesus. Kids will be impacted by how you live and what you model before them.

If you are exploring faith, consider joining a Starting Point group at your campus. These groups are designed for those who are curious about and/or those who have just begun a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Connect in a Small Group

Small Group is the best place to grow in your relationship with Christ and it's where "church" really happens. Join a small group and get connected into community with others following Jesus.

Write Your Story

Sit down and take some time to reflect on your own story of faith. Write it down and share it with your kids.

Partner with Creek Kids

In Creek Kids, we create a fun and safe environment where children can hear the Gospel. Because parents have primary influence in the life of their children, we work to partner with parents. Our goal is to equip you with tools and resources to lead your children to believe and follow Jesus. You are not in this alone!

Ways to Stay Connected:

- Use the Devos/Home Tools we provide each week
- Attend the Family Workshop classes
- Come to our Special Events
- Sign-Up for Creek Kids Summer Camp
- Get to know your child's Children's Ministry Leader
- Join our team and serve with us
- Follow us on social media:

 Creek Kids at CCCC

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TEACH THE GOSPEL WITH COLORS

Salvation Bracelet



 **Gold**
represents God

Romans 3:23
God is holy and perfect. Because of his holiness, he cannot be near sin.

 **Black**
represents Our Sin

Romans 6:23
Sin is anything we think, say or do that does not please God. Our sin separates us from God and the punishment for our sin is death.

 **Red**
represents the Blood of Jesus

Romans 5:8
God sent his son Jesus to live a perfect life without sin. He bled and died on the cross in our place to pay for our sins.

 **White**
represents a Clean Heart

Ephesians 2:8-9
When we accept the gift of Jesus' death in our place, our heart is made clean and we become a new creation.

 **Green**
represents Growth in Christ

John 5:24
Out of thanksgiving for what Jesus has done for us, we can now grow in our relationship with him by reading the Bible, prayer, and serving others.

Essential Beliefs AND VERSES

About Jesus Christ

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

– 1 JOHN 4:15

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

– JOHN 14:6

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

– TITUS 3:4-5

About God

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

– PSALM 100:3

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

– PSALM 46:1

About Human Beings

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

– ROMANS 3:23

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

– DEUTERONOMY 6:5

About the Holy Spirit

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age.

– MATTHEW 28:19-20

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, against such things there is no law.

– GALATIANS 5:22-23

About Salvation

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

– JOHN 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

– EPHESIANS 2:8-9

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

– ROMANS 5:8

About the Bible

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

– PSALM 119:11

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

– JOHN 14:15

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

– HEBREWS 4:12

About Eternity

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

– ROMANS 6:23

Truly, truly I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

– JOHN 5:24

About Eternal Security

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– ROMANS 8:38-39

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

– JOHN 10:28-29