

### Important things to remember...

1. **DON'T DO ALL THE TALKING.** Ask questions; let your child talk. Let them ask questions, and help them look up answers in the Bible.
2. **DON'T USE BIG OR CONFUSING WORDS.** Instead of the phrase 'Ask Jesus into your heart,' which is too abstract for kids to understand, use the phrase 'Ask Jesus to be your very very best friend.' Avoid big words.
3. **SAY IT.** Ask the child to communicate what they are doing, to make sure they understand. Ask if they have any questions.
4. **ABC'S.** Go through the ABC's with the child, and use a Bible to help the child look up the scripture verses.
5. **PRAY.** After going through the ABC's, pray with the child. Ask them if they want to pray too.
6. **CELEBRATE!** Congratulate your child. Express your excitement for the decision they have just made. Talk a little bit about what this means going forward and revisit this moment frequently!

### **A** – **ADMIT** you are a sinner and **ASK** for forgiveness!

- Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
- I John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

### **B** – **BELIEVE** in Jesus as your Savior & **BECOME** a child of God!

- John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that He gave His one & only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”
- John 1:12 – “Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in His name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

### **C** – **CONFESS** that Jesus is Lord & **CHOOSE** to follow Him daily!

- Romans 10:9 – “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.”
- Luke 9:23 – “[Jesus said,] ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.’”

#### **Sample Prayer:**

*Jesus – I know that you made me and want me to obey you with all my heart. I know I have disobeyed and wanted to be my own boss. I have thought and done things against your directions. I am sorry. I know that you gave up your life to save me from these sins and make me your child again. I accept your promises and ask you to please save me now and be my best friend forever. Amen.*