



Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 10: Salvation

4th and 5th Grade

Theme Verse

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Objective

Jesus willingly died to provide salvation. Jesus’ death and resurrection makes salvation possible.

Teach

As a part of our human nature, we tend to compare ourselves to others. Because we are naturally selfish people, it makes us feel better about ourselves to think that we are more skilled or gifted at something than someone else. We also tend to compare our sins with others’ sins. We may be willing to admit to a mistake, but we tend to justify it by pointing out that others made bigger or worse mistakes. God created the world perfectly, without sin. When man chose to sin, it changed the world forever. Just one sin separates us from our perfect and holy God.

Because of our sin, we each have to experience a physical death. Jesus is the only man to have ever lived a perfect, sinless life. When Jesus died on the cross, He paid the penalty for all the sins of the world. When He rose from the dead, He defeated death so that we can spend eternity in heaven with Him. If we repent of our sin, believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead to save us, and receive Him as our Savior, we can have eternal life! This promise brings us peace and purpose as we live the rest of our earthly lives. If we can trust Him with our eternity, we can certainly trust Him with our earthly lives.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever accepted Jesus as your Savior?
- What sins are you struggling with that you need to confess to God?
- Who is a friend or family member that needs to hear God's message of salvation through Jesus?

Play

Play a simple game of "Let's Make a Deal." Give your preteen \$1. Then allow him or her to decide whether to keep the \$1 or choose one of three other options that he or she cannot see, some of which are more valuable than \$1 and some not. Use this illustration to explain that choosing Jesus for eternal security is a great deal. We not only receive eternal life after we die, but we also enjoy an abundant life on earth.

Sing

["Happy Day"](#)

Live it Out

Talk about how our culture downplays the seriousness of sin and promotes an obsession with self. How does much of the world think that someone gets to heaven? Compare this with what the Bible teaches. Discuss ways that Christians can stand for the truth of God's Word and still love and respect those who do not.

Closing Prayer

God, thank You for loving me so much that you would send your Son to pay my price for sin. Thank You for loving me enough to not only give me eternal life but help me follow You and live an abundant life here on earth.