

Family Battle Plan

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

Week 10: Salvation

3rd 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

God sent His only Son, Jesus, to be the only Savior of the world.

Teach

Some of the places we go require a ticket for admission. What are some places where a ticket is required to enter (the zoo, a plane trip, the planetarium, a movie, etc.)? Some of the places we named require a paper ticket. If we have the ticket at the door or gate to enter, then we have permission to enter. Sometimes, like in the case of plane tickets, we obtain the ticket days or weeks before the actual time to travel or enter the event, but we have our ticket as the promise of permission to enter. Entrance tickets are usually for an event we are excited to attend.

Discussion Questions

- Do you think Heaven is a place you would like to go someday?
- Do you know how I can get to Heaven?
- Do I need a ticket?

We don't need a ticket to Heaven, but the Bible does tell us how we can go to Heaven when we die. We call this salvation, because we do need to be saved to go to Heaven. Only people who trust in Jesus go to Heaven. We place our trust in Jesus by telling God:

- We are sorry for disobeying Him. This is called "sin".
- We believe Jesus came to earth and died on the cross to take the punishment for our sin, and after three days, Jesus rose from the dead.
- We receive Jesus in our life by praying and asking Him to be our Lord and our Master.

The Bible says whoever places their trust in Jesus becomes a child of God and will go to Heaven when they die.

Play

Looking around the room, take turns picking items and deciding how much they are worth or how much you would pay for that item. Everything in this world has a dollar amount it could be worth, bought, or traded for, but that's not how Heaven works. Salvation through Jesus' death on the cross is the only payment that makes it possible for us to go to Heaven.

Sing

"Sin Messed Everything Up"

Live it Out

At the end of the day, take time to reflect on moments when we sinned. How does it make us feel when we sin? Why did we sin? Sometimes we think we have a reason, but we really do not. What do you think our punishment should have been when we sinned? While it is sad and discouraging when we sin, we can be thankful that God sent His Son, Jesus, so that we could be forgiven for our sin.

Closing Prayer

God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to live a perfect life and die for my sins because we couldn't. Thank you for loving us and wanting to have a relationship with us. Amen.