

# WALKING WITH JESUS

FOR KIDS AND PARENTS



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## CHAPTER 1

# I Am a Christian— Now What?

*I am glad you accepted Jesus as your Savior! Becoming a Christian means you realized you are a sinner and need a way to fix your sin problem.*



## Sin is anything we do, say, or think that goes against God's Holy Word, the Bible.



Sin is disobeying God. Romans 3:23 says, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” All means everyone! Every person on Earth sins because we are born with a sin nature. The sin in our lives separates us from our Holy and Perfect God. The Bible tells us “...the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23). We cannot fix our sin problem. However, the good news is that God provided a way for our sins to be forgiven. We cannot obey enough, read our Bibles enough, or even memorize enough verses to fix our sin problem. We deserve to die, but we have a choice—we do not have to die for our sin because God sent His perfect Son, Jesus, to die in our place. Romans 5:8 says, “God showed his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Now that you have become a follower of Christ, this booklet helps you know what to do next.

# Baptism Certificate<sup>1</sup>

I prayed for God to forgive me for my sins on \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(write the date you prayed)

I was at \_\_\_\_\_ when I prayed.  
(write the place you were at when you prayed)

After I prayed, I told \_\_\_\_\_ that I prayed  
(write the name of the person you told)  
and asked God to forgive me for my sins. I believe Jesus' death and resurrection  
are the only reason I can have a relationship with God.

I got baptized on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(write the date and location of your baptism)

The name of the person who baptized me was \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(write the name of the person who baptized you)

Some of my friends and family that watched me get baptized were

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when I prayed for God to forgive me of my sins. I want to try to live  
for God and obey His Word for the rest of my life. I want to tell others about how to have a  
relationship with Him. The first person I want to tell is: \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Sample prayer for salvation:** *Dear God, please forgive me for my sins. I am sorry I do wrong things and make choices that make You sad. Thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for my sins. I believe He died and came back to life three days later so I could be forgiven. I choose to live for You the rest of my life, and I want to be baptized to show everyone how much I love You. Help me tell others about Your gift of salvation. Help me obey You. I love You, God. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.*

When we are saved (become a Christian), we need to live in a way that pleases God, which includes obeying the Bible. We obey God's Word by being baptized. Baptism does not save us from our sins, but it does help us follow Jesus' example and tell others about our decision to become a Christian—to follow Jesus. Baptism is symbolic of our sins being washed away and our old, sinful person dying and being raised as a new person. Psalm 51:7 tells us God washes us and makes us whiter than snow. That means your dirty, ugly sin is washed away since Jesus paid the penalty for your sin by His death. (To help you remember these very special decisions, record them on this certificate.) After salvation and baptism, we should keep learning more about God, His Word, and how to live for Him. Are you ready to take the next steps and start learning more about walking with Jesus?



**Stop reading and say a prayer telling God you are thankful He sent Jesus to die for your sins. Tell Him you choose to live for Him and want to obey Him forever! Ask Him to help you be the best disciple of Jesus you can be. Ask Him to help you always walk with Him.**



## CHAPTER 2

# Talking to God— Prayer

As a follower of Christ, we need to start making choices the way God wants and teaches in the Bible. We cannot do a very good job telling our friends and family about how to have a relationship with God if we are not growing and walking with Him daily.

**One of the ways we can grow is by praying.**

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**What is prayer?** It is simply talking to God. You may wonder how can we talk to God when we cannot see Him or hear His voice? Just because we cannot see God does not mean He cannot hear us or see us. Here are three really big words for you to learn. They help us understand why we can pray. The first word is **omnipresent** (OM-ni-pres-ent), which means *God is everywhere*. Second, God is **omniscient** (om-ni-scient) or *all-knowing*. God knows, hears, and sees everything—all the time. The last word is **omnipotent** (om-ni-po-tent), which means *God has unlimited power*. There is nothing He cannot do! He is stronger than the best superhero you could ever imagine. He can hear every person praying all at the same time. We can pray anywhere, any time, on any day because God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and always present—everywhere. When we praise God for how wonderful and powerful He is, it is called **adoration**. This is how we express our adoration and love for God.

**What should we talk to God about?** We can tell Him when we are happy, sad, hurting, scared, or even excited. We can talk to Him about everything, any time we want to. We can whisper our words, say them out loud, or just think them in our heads. We can pray with our heads bowed and eyes shut, kneeling down, while we are riding in the car, with our eyes open, or right before we take a test at school. We can talk to God like He is sitting beside us because He is everywhere. Even though we cannot see Him, the Bible teaches He is always with us.

**We also need to tell God we are sorry for sinning and that with His help we will do better.** When we tell God we are sorry for our sins, it is called **confession**. We cannot just be sorry for our sins; we have to want to do our best to stop sinning and start making good choices. We will never be perfect and without sin on Earth, but we should still try not to sin.

**3** MIDDLE FINGER: Pray for those with authority over us, our mayor, governor, president, and others.

**4** RING FINGER: Pray for the weak, sick, poor, and others in need.

**2** INDEX FINGER: Pray for our teachers, pastors, parents, and other leaders who teach us.

**1** THUMB: Pray for the people closest to us, our friends and family.

**5**  
PINKIE FINGER:  
Pray for yourself.



***When we pray, we should also be thankful.*** When we give thanks to God for all He has blessed us with, it is called *thanksgiving*. This is not like the holiday we celebrate in November. It means giving thanks to God any time—not just on one special day.

***Last, we need to pray for others to know Jesus and choose to follow Him too.*** We should not want anyone to go to Hell and be separated from God forever. When we pray for the needs of others or for people to be saved, it is called *supplication*. We should pray for missionaries around the world who are telling others about how much God loves them. We should pray for our teachers and other leaders who have authority over us. We should pray for our family and friends. We should pray for those who are sick. We should even pray for bullies and people who are unkind.

When we pray we talk to God, but we also need to listen. You may be wondering, “How do I hear God?” The best ways we can hear God is by reading the Bible and paying attention to what the Bible teaches. You can hear God because when you choose to become a Christian, you get help from the Holy Spirit. Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is one of the three persons of the Trinity of God. He lives in us and is always ready to help us.

You can talk to God about anything! You should talk to Him like He is your very best friend. When we end our prayers by saying “In Jesus’ Name I pray, Amen,” this means we understand that Jesus talks to God for us. When we become a Christian, we become part of God’s Family. Our Heavenly Father, God, always wants the very best for us. Jesus and the Holy Spirit know our needs even if we pray for the wrong things or we do not even know what to pray. The Holy Spirit is a great helper!

Now here is a very important truth you need to learn: ***You only need to pray for salvation one time.*** After that, you can know God forgave you and has delivered you from the punishment of sin. But that does not mean there is not a need to pray or ask for God’s forgiveness ever again. We should always repent—ask God to forgive us—for the sins we commit daily and turn away from wanting to sin. The Holy Spirit helps us know right from wrong, hear God speaking to us, and know the right choices to make. The Holy Spirit is the Helper God sends to all who choose to follow Jesus.



**Read these verses in your Bible with your family: Matthew 6:7-14; John 14:16; Ephesians 5:20; Philippians 4:6-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; and James 5:16. What do these verses tell you?**



CHAPTER 3

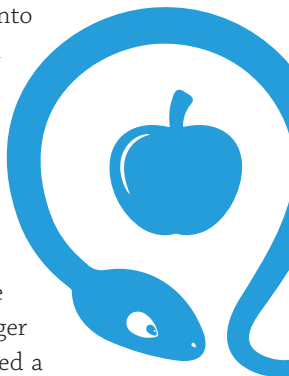
# The Trinity— God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit

$$1 + 1 + 1 = 1$$

In math  $1+1+1=3$ , but with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit,  $1+1+1=1$ . God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are three distinct persons of the Trinity of God, but they are also all together as One. God is Father, Son, and Spirit, who exist as One in perfect unity. This is a unique relationship that we cannot fully understand, but we know it is true because God said so in His Word.

**God the Father is in Heaven.** In Genesis 1 we learn that God created the Heavens and the Earth. John 1:1–3 and Colossians 1:15–18 tell us that Jesus created everything. He created the world we live in, all the animals, and people. He made Adam and Eve, the first two people, a perfect place to live called the Garden of Eden. They were supposed to take care of creation. God told them they could eat from any tree except one special tree in the garden. The *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*<sup>2</sup> was a fruit tree they could not eat from. However, one day, Satan, the Devil, used a snake to trick Eve into eating the forbidden fruit and she gave some to Adam and he intentionally chose to disobey God's instruction. They sinned and did not obey God's rule when they ate the fruit. God had to make them clothes from animal skin because their sin made them realize they were naked, and they were embarrassed.

There will always be consequences to sin. Sin leads to death and separation from God. Adam and Eve had to move away from the perfect place God made for them. God no longer walked and talked with them in the Garden. Their sin created a separation between them and God.



**God the Son**, named **Jesus Christ**, came from Heaven to be born as a baby. We celebrate His birth at Christmas. He grew up and lived a perfect life. He taught people about God, healed the sick and the blind, and even brought dead people back to life. We use many names when we are talking about Jesus. In the Bible, He is identified as Savior, Son of God, Messiah, Prince of Peace, Son of Man, and our Great High Priest. In the Old Testament times, when people sinned, they had to go to the high priest and sacrifice—kill—an animal to receive forgiveness. Sacrifices did not and could not bring forgiveness for sins, but were a constant reminder that sin causes death.



When Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He was the perfect sacrifice—completely paying the penalty of death for our sins and completely covering us with His forgiveness. He is our Great High Priest because He is holy and perfect. He is the only person who could pay the penalty for our sins. The priests in the Old Testament had to continually offer sacrifices, but Jesus was the perfect sacrifice, so He only had to die once for our sins. He chose to die for you and everyone else in the world. Jesus was beaten, mocked, spit on, stabbed, hung on a cross, and killed for our sins. He did not deserve to die, but He chose to die in our place so we could have a relationship with Him. He took the punishment we deserve. Jesus came back to life three days later. He arose from the grave. We celebrate His resurrection at Easter. He was on Earth forty more days before He went to Heaven to prepare a place for us. Jesus said He would send us a Helper after He went to Heaven.

The **Holy Spirit** is the **Helper** that God sends to live in every believer the very moment we pray and ask God to forgive us for our sins. The Holy Spirit helps us know what is right and wrong. He convicts or helps us realize when we sin. The Holy Spirit helps us become better disciples. The Bible also calls the Holy Spirit our **Comforter, Advocate, Counselor, Guide,** and **Teacher.**

As followers of Christ, we also receive the **fruit of the Holy Spirit.** This is not apples, oranges, and grapes. It is the ability to be more like Jesus. We have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control when we listen to the Holy Spirit and obey God, instead of growing bad fruit like selfishness, anger, and jealousy. Think about an apple tree. When it has the right amount of water and sunshine, it grows and makes more apples. As we grow more like Jesus, we will have more fruit from the Holy Spirit. The fruit we produce shows we are living the way God wants us to and walking with Jesus. The fruit of the Spirit is a gift from God to help us live the right way, please God, and show others what His love looks like.



Read the following verses in your Bible with your family: Psalm 1:1-6; Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 3:17; 17:5; John 1:1-3; 14:26; 16:13; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Galatians 5:22-26; and Hebrews 2:9, 17-18; 4:14-16.

What do these verses teach you about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit? What kind of fruit are you growing in your life? Does your fruit show you are walking with Jesus or walking in the ways of the sinful world?




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