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Parent Page

Dear Parents,

Salvation is a concept that's pretty familiar to the teenagers in our youth ministry. And this isn't a bad thing! But I wonder how deep an understanding they have of *why* they need salvation? And if they truly grasp *what* they needed saving from?

We'll get a chance to answer these questions very soon! We're beginning a new study called *Salvation*, and I am pretty excited about it. In this study, your child will learn how God was focused on salvation from the very beginning of His interactions with humankind, how salvation is only found through faith in Christ, and what it means to show the world the richness of a life that has been redeemed.

Below you'll see some tips on what you can be doing to help your child better understand the concept of discipleship and why it's so vital to our faith.

- Pray for your child each week, and for the others in our Bible study.
- Watch for follow-up letters and engage your child in conversations about what he or she is learning.
- Look for ways to improve the communication between you and your child, especially as it pertains to spiritual matters.

Thank you for letting us share this valuable time with your child each week! As always, I value your prayer and input. If I can help with anything at all, please let me know.



Week 1: *The God Who Saves*

Main Point: *We've Messed Up, But God Stepped Up, and Wants to Rescue Us!*

Scripture: *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:6-7; Romans 5:12; Romans 3:23; Psalm 40:1-3*

Summary: In this first discussion, we focused on how truly remarkable it is that God offers salvation to humankind. We challenged your child to express praise and thanks to God for His unfailing desire to offer him or her life.

During the next week as you have time to talk with your child, consider asking the following questions:

- Salvation is one of those concepts that we feel like we know all about. What did you learn this week that was new to you?
- Why is it sometimes hard for us to fully realize how badly we need the salvation that God offers?
- Can you remember the circumstances surrounding your salvation? (If needed, fill in the blanks to help your child talk about their salvation from your perspective.)

Week 2: *Jesus = Salvation*

Main Point: *Jesus Grants an All Access Pass*

Scripture: *Matthew 1:18-23; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:1-10*

Summary: *In this discussion, we focused on helping our students understand that only through faith in Christ's work on the cross can they be saved from death. They were challenged to discover and live out God's purpose for their lives.*

During the next week as you have time to talk with your child, consider asking the following questions:

- What was one thing that stood out for you in this lesson?
- Why is it so hard to overcome the idea of our good work somehow making justifying God's love for us? Why is that way of thinking so ingrained in our personalities?
- In your day-to-day life, how would you describe your purpose in life? What do you think God might be calling you to do as you grow up?