# Good News for Kids!



#### God made you and loves you.

God is powerful. He created everything—including you.
(See Genesis 1:1; Romans 1:20.)

God is personal. He loves you and wants to be your Friend. (See John 3:16; Romans 8:38-39.)



## God knows everything about you.

Every person sins against God. (See Daniel 9:4-5; Romans 3:23.) Every person will pay for sin—including you. (See Romans 5:12; 6:23a.)



#### Jesus died to forgive your sins.

Jesus left heaven and lived a sinless life on earth. (See Matthew 1:21; John 10:10; 1 Peter 2:22.) Jesus took the punishment you deserved. (See 1 Peter 2:24; Romans 5:8.)



### Jesus rose to give you new life!

You can trust Jesus and become God's child. (See John 1:12, 14:6.) You can trust Jesus and receive new life. (See John 5:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17.)



### Are you ready to trust Jesus as your Savior?

If you believe that Jesus died for your sins, express your faith and begin your new friendship by praying—talking with God.

- Admit that you have sinned and need forgiveness.
- Thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross to forgive your sins.
- Tell God that you trust Jesus as your personal Savior and you choose to follow Him.
- Ask God to make you the kind of person He wants you to be.



#### Trust God to empower you.

Jesus lives forever inside you. (See Galatians 2:20; John 10:28, 15:5.) The Holy Spirit will always guide you. (See John 16:13; Acts 1:8.)

# Tips for Sharing Christ with Children

- Remember that Jesus welcomes children to come to Him (Matthew 19:14).
- Pray before sharing to prepare your own heart and sensitivity.
- Discern each child's spiritual condition: Ready to respond? Struggling to understand? Resistant?
- Open the Bible and use it to clearly share the Gospel. Focus on trusting Christ (rather than simply praying or inviting Him into their physical heart or saying the right words).
- Encourage a child to express his or her faith (trust) in Jesus through prayer.
- Use visuals, such as a bridge illustration, a wordless book, Gospel bracelet, or diagrams to help communicate difficult words and concepts to children.
- After a child responds to God's offer of forgiveness, encourage public profession of faith in Christ to friends, family, and others.
- Deal with children individually. This helps to clarify their motives and know they are trusting Christ rather than imitating their friends.
- Go through the Gospel presentation twice. Explain the Good News the first time. Then, review the Gospel and offer an opportunity to respond the second time.
- Don't manipulate a child to simply do what you want. Discern the heart attitude and present the Gospel to those you consider ready to trust Christ.

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