

Salvation Conversation Guide

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The Gospel

For God so loved the world the he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- John 3:16

God loved.

God loved us before we were even born. He loves us right now, but something separates us from him. It's called sin. It's the stuff we do wrong. Because God is perfect, there is no way we can get into his family on our own. But because God loved, he did what people in love do. He gave.

God gave.

God gave us Jesus, his only Son, for us. He knew that our sin would keep us out of his family forever. We were separated from God and would have to stay that way. But because he loved, he gave his only Son in order to repair that relationship. Jesus gave his life to pay for our sin. He died to make a way for us to be in God's family.

We believe.

When we receive a gift, what do we do? We open it. God said we could open his gift by believing. To believe is to trust. Think of a chair. When we put all our weight on it, we trust that it will hold us. That's what it's like to believe in or trust in this gift. To open the gift God gave us, we trust Jesus with our whole lives and rest in the fact he died for us.

We receive.

John 3:16 tells us that we receive the eternal life when we believe. That means we get to spend eternity with God. Once we receive this gift, It can never be taken away. There is nothing we can do to lose our place in God's family.

Salvation Prayer

Here is an example of a prayer you can pray with a student if they are ready to accept Jesus. Remember that a prayer doesn't save a student - Jesus does. So, do not worry about the wording or getting it right. Remember that this prayer is just a mile marker in their lives to represent what has happened in their hearts.

Jesus, I believe I'm a sinner who needs a Savior and, Jesus, I believe that you are it. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead so I could be fully free and fully alive. You've done everything for me. I believe it and I want it. I'm saying yes to you. I'm putting my life and my eternity in your hands.
Amen.

After you say the prayer with the student, tell them how proud you are of them and encourage them to share their decision with family and friends.



POST SALVATION FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION ONE

One of your students just made the most important decision of their life—to trust Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior! How exciting to watch a student you’ve invested in go from death to life and enter into a brand-new relationship with God. It is right and good for you to celebrate this life-changing decision with your student and is an opportunity to come alongside them to offer encouragement, support, and guidance.

We’re asking you to have a one-on-one follow-up conversation with your student. Faith grows through relationships, and we want them to start their faith journey feeling connected. We want them to come away from this conversation with the reminder that God is for them. His grace is real and it covers our sin—past, present, and future.

During your conversation, we encourage you to:

- Celebrate their decision and let them know you’re proud of them.
- Spend time listening to your student process the decision they just made.
- Ask good questions to gain a better understanding of their decision.
- Help explain the gospel using the salvation guide provided.
- Invite them to ask questions, and let them know that questions help them own their faith.
- Remind your student that their decision to follow Jesus is only the beginning of a relationship with God that is meant to grow.
- Provide practical steps they can take to continue growing in their faith back at home.
- Ask for permission to follow up with them, and schedule a time to meet. We recommend meeting up after the student has been home for a few weeks.
- Pray for your student.

Questions to ask your student:

- Tell me about the decision you made to trust in Jesus. Why did you choose to make this decision? What did you hear that connected with your story?
- What does the word sin mean to you? How have you seen sin hurt you? How have you seen it hurt others? What's the problem with sin?
- What was the purpose of God sending Jesus to die? How do you feel about someone willing to die for you? How did Jesus deal with sin once and for all?
- What does it mean to trust what God did for us? How does knowing that God loves us change how you see him? How does someone live differently when they trust that God loves them? What questions do you have about the decision you made? Is there anything that is confusing that I might be able to help answer?

Resources to Recommend

- One of the Gospel accounts
- New: First Steps for New Christ Followers (YM360 devotional)
- YouVersion Bible app
- BibleProject app
- Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story (for girls)



POST SALVATION FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION TWO

It's been a few weeks since your student made the decision to trust Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior! We want to help students live out their faith when the excitement of that moment wears off. One way you can help your student continue to grow their faith is to follow up with them to see what life has been like since making that decision.

Following Jesus in high school is not always easy or convenient. That's why the goal of your second one-on-one conversation is to talk about the tensions they're already experiencing as they try to live out their faith. This is also the perfect time to identify some next steps they can take to continue growing in their faith.

During your conversation, we encourage you:

- Help your student process how their life at home looks different now, after placing their trust in Jesus.
- Ask intentional questions to gain a better understanding of the habits they have at home.
- Check in on the practical steps you provided in your last conversation in Daytona.
- Invite them to ask questions since the last time you met, and remind them that asking questions can help grow their relationship with Jesus. Challenge your student with the idea that following Jesus will often cost them something, but the life they gain is worth it.
- Create a plan to provide your student with accountability in their faith (go through one of the recommended resources together).
- Pray for your student.

Questions to ask your students:

- What have you been up to since the last time we met?
- Do your friends and family notice a difference in you?
- Have you made any changes in the ways you live since placing your trust in Jesus? Are there any changes you feel like you should make but have had a hard time doing?
- What questions do you have about following Jesus now that you've had some time to put your faith into practice?
- What kinds of things do you think will come at a cost for you when pursuing Jesus? Do you believe the cost(s) can become a gain?
- Who are people you can trust to hold you accountable as you grow your relationship with Jesus?

Potential Next Steps:

- Attend InsideOut regularly
- Get baptized
- Serve at church