

# GLORY RESOURCES // FAMILIES

## - WEEK FOUR -

### >SCRIPTURE: JOHN 3:16

Discussion Questions:

- What did God give us?
- Why did God give this gift?
- What did Jesus do for us?
- What does it mean to trust or believe in something?
- What happens when you believe that Jesus died to forgive your sin?
- How do you know God loves you?

### >MEMORY VERSE

Don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Philippians 2:3

### >BIBLE STORY ACTIVITY

Make or color a cross. You can use the attached page or draw your own. Talk about the gift Jesus gave on the cross for each of us to spend eternity in Heaven.

### >PRAYER

This week, let's pray that our children will come to love God's Word and believe all He promises for us. Pray that they would believe it when God says He loves them and that He is working all things for our good.

God,

I thank you for Your Word and our ability to read and receive it.

I pray that my children will come to love Your Word and trust it to be true.

I pray that their desire to read it will grow because they want to learn more about you.

Give them understanding as they read and let it affect how they view You, themselves, and others.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

### >AFFIRMATION

This week, say "thank you." Show gratitude to your kids, even for small things. Saying thank you means that you see them and are encouraged by them. Whether they help you with something, pick up their toys, say something kind, or wait patiently, tell them how much you appreciate them.

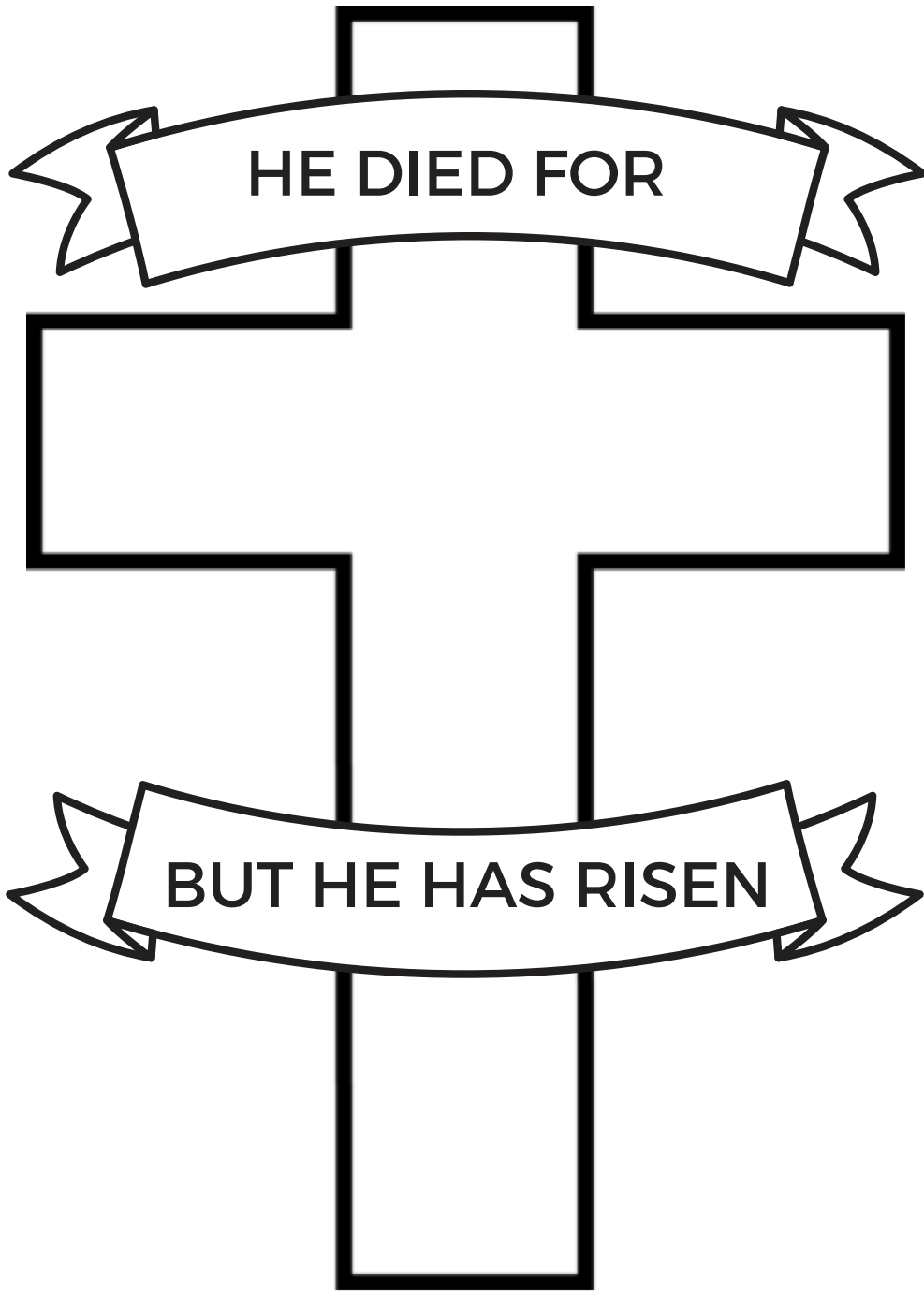
### >CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What made you laugh today?
- What is your favorite memory?
- If I gave you \$10 what would you buy?
- Would you rather go camping or stay in a hotel?
- What is your favorite sport?

### >FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- Play a board game
- Play "I spy"
- Create an obstacle course
- Wash the car
- Play leap frog

*for  
families.*



z8ad9aVea >AH76 fZW adVfZSfZW03H7 Z[ea` V\$` Va` `k  
Ea` ž3` ka` W Za 47>; 7H7E[` Z\_ i [^` afV[W]gf i [^ZShW  
W S^ [XŠ <aZ` %#(

# SALVATION

## PARENT CONVERSATION GUIDE ... for kids

This is an exciting time in a kid's life. They're starting to ask questions about their faith. They're wondering about God and His love for them. They may be asking a lot of questions about Jesus—questions that you may struggle with yourself, or questions that may not have a simple answer. But that's okay. This is a starting point for your kid to begin a life-long conversation about faith. That's why we want you to "Start Here" with John 3:16. It lays the foundation for God's love for us that sent Jesus to be our Savior.

"For God so LOVED the world that he GAVE his one and only Son. Anyone who BELIEVES in him will not die but will have eternal life" (John 3:16 NIV).

### WHAT TO SAY

#### 1. GOD LOVED

- God loved you before you were even born. He created you in His image. And He loves you right now.
- But there is something that separates us from Him, something that keeps us from being with Him forever. It's called sin. It's the stuff we do wrong. Sin keeps us from living out the story that God wants for us.
- And on our own, we can't do anything about this. We need God to step in and help. But because God loved us, He made a way for all of us to live with Him forever.

#### ASK . . .

What is sin?  
Have you ever sinned? When?  
What is the problem with sin?

#### 2. GOD GAVE

- God gave the most important, valuable, and perfect thing He had for you. He knew that our sin would keep us from living with Him forever.
- We're apart from God and would stay that way, but because God loved us, He gave His son to fix that relationship. Jesus came to make a way for you to be in God's story.
- And Jesus gave up His life on the cross to pay for our sin. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead! His resurrection defeated death and makes a relationship with God possible again.

#### ASK . . .

What did God give us?  
Why did God give this gift?  
What did Jesus do for us?

#### 3. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN JESUS

- When you receive a gift what do you do? You open it. God said you could open His gift by believing.
- Believing simply means to trust. It's a lot like sitting in a chair. When you sit in a chair, you put all your weight in it. You trust that it will hold you up. That's what it's like to believe in or to trust in this gift.
- To open the gift that God gave you, you trust Jesus with your whole life and rest in the fact that He died and rose again for you.

#### ASK . . .

How can you take part in God's Big Story?  
What does it mean to trust in something?  
How do you know God loves you?

### WHAT NOT TO SAY

#### 1. "INVITE JESUS IN YOUR HEART ..."

For kids, the phrase "inviting Jesus into my heart" can be confusing. They're such concrete thinkers that it can worry them to think that someone is living inside their actual heart.

#### 2. "YOU HAVE TO PRAY LIKE THIS ..."

Kids are going to express their faith with how they understand it at their age. Don't get hung up on the "right words" but rather the heart with which they pray.

#### 3. MADE UP ANSWERS

Don't make up answers to questions you don't know yourself. "I don't know" is a legitimate answer to questions your kid has about faith. There's so much that we don't understand about how God works and how the Holy Spirit enters our life. And that's okay.

