



CHILDREN'S
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HOW TO BELONG TO JESUS

A Journey to
Discover My Purpose

LESSON 7

WHY SHOULD I BE A CHRISTIAN?

(Exploring Faith and Salvation)

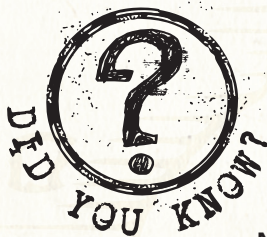


BEGIN THE JOURNEY:

The following story is one of the most touching stories ever told as an example of sacrifice:

"A father, his son and a friend of his son were sailing off the Pacific Coast, when a fast approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to shore. The waves were so high that even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright and the three were swept into the ocean. Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life....to which boy he would throw the other end of the line. He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian and he also knew that his son's friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of waves. As the father yelled out, 'I love you, son!' he threw the line to his son's friend. By the time he pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beyond the raging swells into the black of night. His body was never recovered. The father knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son." *

Some may think it is not very realistic for a father to give up his son's life in hopes the other boy would become a Christian. And they may have a point. But this story is told by a man who understands firsthand what it must have been like for God to give up His Son for us...you see, the man who has shared this story IS the son's friend.



God says in Romans 6:23 that the price we pay for our sins is death. Jesus Christ was the **ONLY** one born perfect and without sin. He was the **ONLY** one who could have taken our place on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. Now that's Good News!



SEEK THE TREASURE:

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans 10:13

UNCOVER THE TRUTH:

Let's go on a little adventure through the book of Romans to understand the Journey to Salvation. If you have a Bible that you can mark in, get out your highlighter and pen. If not, write down these verses on a piece of paper or in your Quiet Time Journal.

Look up Romans 3:23. Highlight this verse.

Who has sinned?

Now, in the margin of your Bible, write the reference "Romans 6:23" next to Romans 3:23.

Now turn to Romans 6:23. Highlight it and read what it says.

What do you deserve if you sin?

What is the free gift offered to you?

In the margin of your Bible, write "Romans 5:8" next to Romans 6:23 and then turn to Romans 5:8. Highlight it and read what it says.

Who gave His life for us?

Why did He do this?

Finally, write "Romans 10:9-10" next to Romans 5:8. Turn to Romans 10:9-10 and highlight what it says. This verse gives us a clear way to know if we are a Christian or not.

How do you know if you are saved?

You have just traveled down the "Romans Road." Because you have written each Scripture, you will now be able to find it again. If a friend asks you how they can become a Christian, you can take them through the Romans Road! You may want to write the first reference at the front of your Bible and label it "Roman's Road" so you don't forget where to start!

Draw a picture of a cross in between YOU and GOD. Imagine Jesus Christ as the bridge between you and God. Write "Jesus" on the cross.

YOU

GOD

If you were to draw yourself on that picture, where would you be? Far away from God? Still trying to cross the bridge to God? Or next to God? Draw a stick figure to show where you are on your Journey to Salvation!

FIND THE PURPOSE:

This is THE most important lesson to learn in Kids Small Group. Take some time to discuss salvation as a group. Read through the "How to Become a Christian Booklet" and ask your leaders any questions you have. Make sure you understand how you can be saved. It is the most important decision you will ever make!

FUN

FACTS

Christianity started with Jesus and His 12 disciples. It has spread all over the world! Now **ONE-THIRD** of the world's population calls themselves Christians. That's **TWO BILLION** people! Imagine what would have happened if the disciples chose NOT to spread the Good News!



Remember **A – B – C**

- If you can truly do these three things, you can pray this prayer:*

QUIET TIME CHECK-IN:

ONE WAY TO SPEND TIME WITH GOD:

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My child and I reviewed this lesson together.

_____ said the Memory Verse to
me on _____.

Parent Signature: _____

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JOURNEY

