

Following Jesus



Welcome to God's Family!

When you believed Jesus died for your sins and told Jesus you were sorry for the wrong things you've done and asked Him to forgive you, something wonderful happened!

God gave you the gift of eternal life.

That means that Jesus will be with you now and forever.

It's true!

Something else happened, too!
You became a child of God!

Now you are a member
of God's family!



God's Word says: "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1

God wants you to GROW!

When you become a part of God's family, you are starting a brand new life.

You will learn lots of new things and grow to become the person God wants you to be. God will help you learn how to love Him and others.



God's Word says,

“We will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.”

Ephesians 4:15





God wants you to **KNOW** His Word!

God tells you in His Word, the Bible, how to grow as His child.

LEARNING what God's Word says is like eating the best kind of food—it tastes good and it keeps you healthy.

A good place to start reading your Bible is in the book of Mark.



Your Bible may use some different words for the Bible verses in this booklet. Look them up in your own Bible.

Here's how to look up a verse.

1 John 3:1

1 John = Name of Bible book (look at the Table of Contents at the beginning of your Bible)

3: = number of chapter (large numbers in each book)

:1 = number of verse (small numbers in each book)

God's Word says:

“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” Psalm 119:103



God wants you to DO His Word!

DOING what God's Word says is like exercise—it makes you strong. When you LEARN God's Word and then DO what it says, you will grow as God's child.

Doing God's
Word means
I'm kind to my
little sister.



God's Word says:

“Do not merely listen to the word....Do what it says.” James 1:22

Doing God's Word means I do my best work at school.



Doing God's Word means we work out our problems!



God wants to hear from you!

One of the best parts of being in a family is having someone to talk to and someone to listen to.

God wants His children to talk to Him.

Talking to God is called praying.

You can pray out loud or just with your thoughts.

You can talk to God when:

- you've done something wrong and are sorry
- you're happy or thankful for what God has done
- you're angry, sad, scared or worried

Please, God, help my grandma in the hospital get better.



“You are my God, and I will give you thanks.” Psalm 118:28

**Thank You, God,
for my new
baby sister.**



And the best part is, God always hears when His children talk to Him!

**Dear God,
I'm sorry I lied
to my dad.**



“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins.”

1 John 1:9

**God wants
you to grow
by loving
others.**



God is so glad that you are His child! He wants those who love Him to love each other, just like Jesus loves each of us.



Jesus said, “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12

What does it sound like to love others? Maybe . . .

“That’s OK. I forgive you.”

“I’m sorry. I was wrong.”

“Sure. I can help.”

“I will pray for you.”




What does it look like to love others? Maybe . . .

- letting another person go first
- giving someone another chance
- helping someone who needs help
- listening to a person who needs a friend
- praying for someone—even someone you may not like!

God wants His family to grow!

God wants EVERYONE to hear the good news about Jesus!

He wants everyone to know how to become part of His family.



“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”

Matthew 28:18-20

One of the best ways you can help this happen
is to show God's love to those around you.



God's Word says,

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

God wants
you to keep
on growing.



You can keep on growing
as God's child forever!



**God's
Word
says,**

“Grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 3:18

There will always be new things
you can learn from God's Word
and new ways to show love to
God and others. You never have
to stop growing as God's child!



Date _____

Dear God, thank You . . .
for sending Jesus
for giving me eternal life
for making me Your child
for showing me how
to follow Jesus
for helping me learn
Your Word, the Bible.
Help me to keep
on growing as Your
child forever! I love You!
Your child,



Sign Here!!! (If you want this to be your letter, sign your name.)

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