



KIDS

WE BELIEVE CHILDREN HAVE A CAPACITY TO DEVELOP A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. WE HOPE THIS BROCHURE CAN HELP YOU GUIDE CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD AS THEY GROW IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE FOR GOD.

TODAY AT NATIONS KIDS YOUR CHILD RESPONDED TO ASKING JESUS INTO THEIR HEART. HERE'S WHAT WE CHATTED ABOUT:

JOHN 3:16
FOR GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD THAT HE
SENT HIS ONLY SON,
THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL
NOT PERISH BUT HAVE
ETERNAL LIFE.

When we ask Jesus into our heart we are simply asking him to be our friend. We are acknowledging that:

1. SIN SEPARATES US ALL FROM GOD

2. JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO PAY THE PRICE FOR THE SIN OF ALL OF US

3. WHEN WE ACCEPT WHAT JESUS DID FOR US WE BECOME A CHRISTIAN AND CAN WALK AS A FRIEND OF GOD.

We can ask Jesus into our heart by praying a prayer like this:

**Dear Jesus,
Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Come into my heart and live with me every day. Amen.**

AS YOUR CHILD GROWS AND THE TRUTH OF GOD'S LOVE BECOMES MORE AND MORE EVIDENT, THEY MAY BEGIN TO ASK MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR FAITH IN GOD.

WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?

Talking to your child about Jesus is one of the most important things you can do as a parent.

1. Ask them about the prayer they prayed today and talk about it again.

2. Encourage them in building an exciting new relationship with God with the following keys:

A relationship with God is like any relationship, it grows as you spend time with Him.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS WE CAN GROW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD:

PRAYER

Prayer is simply talking to God and you can talk to Him about anything and everything! In **Philippians 4:6** it says: **Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.**

WORSHIP

When we worship we are just telling God how much we love him. We can do this in many ways but one of the easy ways is by singing songs that tell God how much we love him.

READING THE BIBLE

The Bible helps us learn more about God, how much He loves us and His plan for our lives. A great place to start reading the Bible is the Gospels which tell us all about the life of Jesus. The first gospel is the book of Matthew.

Depending on your child's age and personality they might not say much or say a lot - either is totally okay. After church on Sundays is a good opportunity to talk about God again and have open and fun conversations about what they learnt!

Another fun way to connect with your child is to join in praise and worship and sing along with our team on Youtube. Go to **[youtube.com/nationskids](https://www.youtube.com/nationskids)**. There are short 15minute videos and an incredible resource for you to watch with your child from time to time.

Children can often have tough questions about faith that even challenges us as adults! This is totally normal. If you come across a curly question, simply write it down and chat to a Kids Team Leader or Pastor about it. We will try our best to find answers and count it a privilege to support you in any way.