



Next Steps for Kids

Lesson One: **Becoming Friends with God**

“I have called you friends.”

-Jesus in **John 15:15**



DOODLE-SPACE... What does friendship look like?



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

What makes someone a friend?

Have you ever said or heard the words,
“YOU'RE NOT MY FRIEND ANY MORE?!” When or why was it said?

Name a few things that are wrong with the world.
What do they all have in common?

Check the items that are optional:

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| ☐ Breathing | ☐ Eating | ☐ Eating at Taco Bell |
| ☐ Homework | ☐ Video Games | ☐ Sleeping |
| ☐ Voting | ☐ Having parents | ☐ Loving parents ☐ Loving God |

God made us 'free' so that love could be REAL!

Love is only special because it is **optional**. Parents do not have to love you. Friends don't have to. So when they do, it feels great! God could have made us love Him, but then it would not be special. So He made it optional. Most do not choose to love God. It makes Him sad. But it is worth it for the few who do.

LIST SOME PEOPLE YOU LOVE... do they love you too?

When might you need to be saved?

- ☐ Falling off a Cliff ☐ Drowning in a pool ☐ Crashing in a car
- ☐ Playing at the Park ☐ At DisneyLand ☐ Eating Pizza
- ☐ Parachuting without a parachute!
- ☐ Facing your creator when you've disobeyed him!



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS



The Romans Road

Romans 1:16 The Gospel has power to _____ people.

Romans 1:18 God's _____ will go out against sin.

Romans 1:20 Men have no _____ for their sin.

Romans 3:10-12 No one is _____; all have _____ away.

Romans 3:23 All have _____ and _____ of God's standard.

Romans 4:7-8 Blessed are those who have been _____.

Romans 5:8 While we were still _____, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 Wages of sin is _____, but the gift of God is _____.

Romans 8:1 No _____ for those in Christ Jesus.

Romans 10:9-10 Confess Jesus as _____, and you will be _____.

It's kinda like...a Parking Ticket

If you break a driving law, you get a ticket. You have to go before a judge. If you are found guilty, a penalty must be paid. Everyone has broken God's Law. We will all stand before

The Judge (Hebrews 9:27). We will be found guilty.

A penalty must be paid. Either by YOU or by a worthy substitute. The only person who can take your place is Jesus, because He is perfect!





HIDE IT IN YOUR HEART

Read 1 Peter 2:21–25

Memorize Verse 24

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.”



TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Examine your life. Maybe you’ve prayed a prayer. But what does your life say about where you stand with God? Maybe you need to commit your life to Jesus. Maybe you need to renew that commitment. It can be hard to determine what you meant or believed in the past. Don’t try to figure out then – what about NOW? Where do you stand with God? Do you want to re-affirm your faith? Settle it for sure? You can!



HOMEWORK

- Write out your testimony.
Use the “Your Salvation Story” outline and guide.
- If you need to, reaffirm where you stand with God.
Ask him to be your Savior, or re-dedicate your life to God.
- Memorize 1 Peter 2:24 (add 25 if you want an extra challenge!)