

LEADING YOUR KIDS TO CHRIST

MICHAEL HAUN

First of all just believing "this list or that list or some list or any list" of doctrine, even going to church does not necessarily make you a Christian.

You might become smarter, but until you commit your life to follow Christ by asking Him to come into your heart and take control of your life, you will not be a Christian.

Our team cannot say when your kids are ready to make this decision.

Some kids ask Christ into their heart very early in life. They may not understand everything that takes place. Who can? It is difficult to comprehend how the God of the universe created a system to have a spiritual relationship with His people. There is "The Fall" or sin of man that blocks a perfect God from having that relationship with us. There is the cost of sin, which means death to us.

There is a payment of that debt, the death of a perfect sinless man. The sacrifice is Jesus, God's son. He comes to earth, starts His discipleship movement and then takes the punishment for all men. He dies in our place. Remember God is over and above all time so He could have His only son die 2000 years ago and see that as timeless and current for us today. Hard to believe right?

That is where faith comes in.

The fact is when you ask Christ to come in He will. . Simply give as much of your heart as you know to ask Him in and start to follow Him.

Recognize that your children growing in Christ will be a process as they start understanding what this new truth inside them means. You will not be able to explain all the theological, mysterious and spiritual things that happen with Christ enters the heart, but trust God to know all that.

Keeping this as simple as you can here are the A B Cs in kid's language.

A) Admit you are sinner – you were born that way. The human heart on its own does not chase after God. We are separated from God by the sin of our human nature. Romans 3: 10-11, Romans 6:23

B) Believe that Jesus Christ (God's son) was sinless and came to earth to die in your place. Jesus did not deserve to die but chose to do so out of His love for us to take our place and make it possible for us to have this relationship with God.

The fact that he died and then came back to life proves that he paid the debt and now offers life to you. John 3 :16, Roman's 8:32, 1 Peter 3:18

C) Commit your life to Jesus by asking Him to come into your heart. Trust your life to Him. Commit to follow him. His spirit will come into your heart and start to change you from the inside out. Roman's 10:10