

YES!

The most important decision you will ever make.



AWESOME

**Helping Families
Meet, Know and
Follow Jesus**





No matter who you are, what you have done or what's been done to you, God loves you!

The Bible tells us how much God loves us and many other amazing truths. Saying Yes to Jesus is the most important decision you will ever make!



GOD LOVES YOU

**God created you in His image,
and you matter to Him!**

But no matter how much He loves us, we make the wrong choices sometimes and that is called sin. Sin hurts us because it makes us think of ourselves instead of how to love God and others. Sin is what separates us from God.





Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory. The free gift of God's grace makes all of us right with him. Christ Jesus paid the price to set us free. ~Romans 3:23-24 (NIRV)

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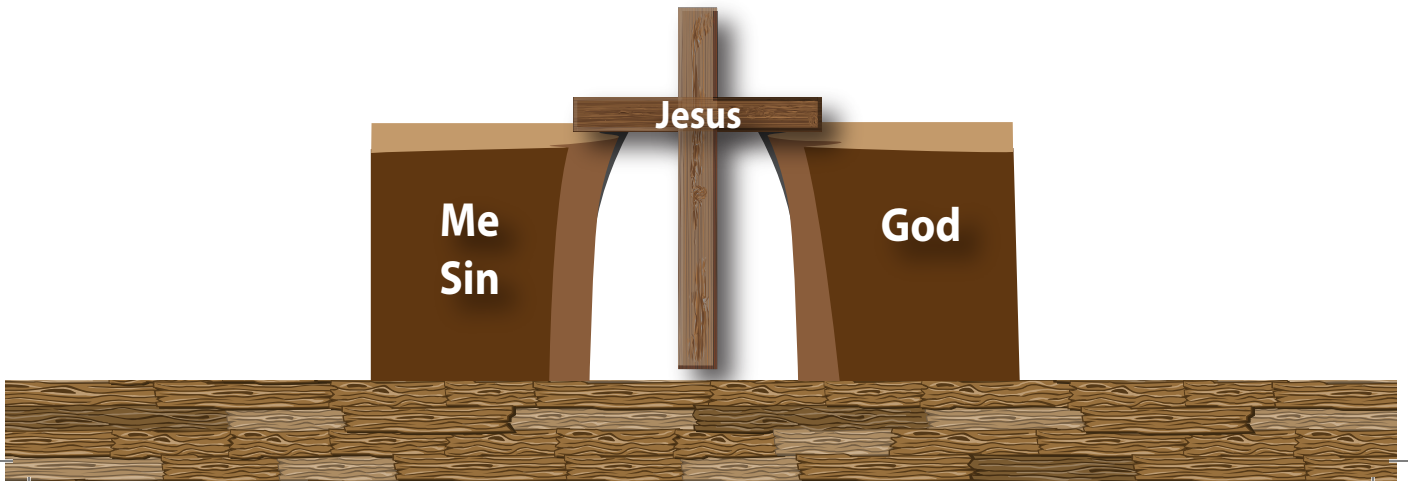
God created you in His _____, but we are all broken. The wrong choices we make are called _____. Sin _____ us, and separates us from _____.



GOD IS FOR US

God sent His son Jesus to die for us so that we don't have to be separated from Him.

Jesus came to Earth and lived a perfect life. When He chose to die on the cross, He paid the price for our sin, and showed us how much He loves us. After three days, Jesus came back to life and proved that not even death can separate us from the love of God.





When we put our faith in Him, He has the power to change our lives,
to make us new.

*But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ
died for us. ~Romans 5:8 (NIRV)*

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God sent Jesus to _____ on the cross for us. After three days, Jesus came back
to life and proved that not even death can _____ us from the love of
God.



WHOEVER BELIEVES IN JESU

**We know God loves us, and nothing
we do can ever change that.**

*God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him
will not die but will have eternal life. ~John 3:16*

We can't do anything to make Him love us more, and no amount of sin will make Him love us less. When we say Yes to Jesus, we also say yes to helping others meet, know and follow Him! The most important thing we can do as a follower of Jesus is to love God and love others.

Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me. ~ John 14:6





Are you ready to say Yes?

1. Do you know that God loves you and has a plan for your life?
2. Do you know that you have sinned and that your sin separates you from God?
3. Do You believe that Jesus paid the price for your sin and that He is the only way to be saved?

If you answered Yes to all those questions, you are ready!

BOTTOM LINE:

Nothing we do can make God love us _____, and no amount of sin can make Him love us _____. The most important thing we can do as followers of Jesus is to love _____ and love _____.

If you have never taken this step and put your faith in Jesus, you can say YES to Jesus right now! Say this prayer with me, or pray your own prayer:

God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus died to pay the price for my sins, and that He rose from the dead. Today, I say YES to following you. I know that you are the only way to be forgiven and live forever in heaven with you. Thank you for saving me. Amen.

WHAT'S MY NEXT STEP.

Baptism

Baptism isn't a way to get to Heaven and it doesn't save you. You can say Yes to and follow Jesus without getting baptized. We get baptized for two reasons.

1. Jesus got baptized and we want to follow Him by doing the same thing.
(Matthew 3:13-17)
2. We want to show others we have said Yes to Jesus!

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1. CONNECT WITH GOD BY READING YOUR BIBLE

If you don't have a Bible, ask an SV Kids Team Member and we will get one for you!

2. PRAY

Anytime you need to connect with Jesus all you have to do is talk to Him!

3. FOLLOW JESUS WITH YOUR ACTIONS

The Bible is full of ways we can follow Jesus with our actions, doing this shows others we love Him and love others.

BOTTOM LINE:

Now that I have said Yes to Jesus, some of the ways I can connect with Him are: Reading my _____, _____, and following Jesus with my _____.



FOR PARENTS

How do I know if my child should be Baptized?

Has your child said Yes to following Jesus?

Can they explain to you what it means to say Yes?

Can your child tell you why they want to be baptized?

You know your child better than anyone. If you feel they are ready to take the next step in their faith and get baptized, congratulations! SV Kids is honored to walk alongside you as your family celebrates this monumental moment in their faith!

For more information on baptism go to kids.sv.cc





Why doesn't Sun Valley baptize babies?

We believe that it is a personal decision to be baptized, not a decision parents make for their children.

In the Bible, every time someone gets baptized, it is after they have said YES to following Jesus, which is not something that a baby is capable of doing.

Jesus was baptized as an adult, and every baptism in the Bible was someone able to articulate their beliefs.

At Sun Valley, we offer Parent-Child Dedication. This event is an opportunity for you as parents to publicly declare that you want to raise your child to meet, know and follow Jesus. **For more information on Parent- Child Dedication go to kids.sv.cc**

Answer Key

Page 5: Image, sin, hurts, God • Page 7: Die, Separate. • Page 9: More, less, God, others.
Page 10: Jesus, Yes • Page 11: Bible, Praying, actions.

Widen The Circle - Pursue strategic relationships for your kids.

At Sun Valley, we believe that relationships are important! While a parent is the most important influence, families need other adults supporting them and speaking truth into their lives. Sometimes it takes another voice to say the same things you are saying to your kid(s) about the essential things in life—just in a different way.

Think through family members, babysitters, teachers, coaches, your small group, friends' parents, small group leaders. **Who are the people who already have an influence in your child's life?**
If you can't think of anyone currently in yours or your child's life, who can you begin to build a relationship with?

Write them below:

Think and pray about additional people to add to your support system. Start with a list of people you admire or want to get to know better. Then be bold and make the first move. Here are a couple of ways to get started:

- Have a family game night and invite a few people you want to get to know.
- Volunteer in your child's classroom or sports team and build rapport with their teachers and coaches.
- Invite your child's Small Group Leader to dinner.
- Ask a trusted babysitter, Small Group Leader or another young adult in your life to attend your child's game, concert, or play.
- Ask someone with a skill your child wants to learn to teach them something about it.

Ask yourself this question: When my child won't/can't talk with me about something, which adult in their lives would they go to that represents our same family values?



Imagine the end - Focus your priorities on what matters most.

We know it's easy to get caught up in all the day-to-day tasks involved with parenting. It will always be harder to be intentional with your kids than to "go with the flow." In the midst of life, focus on this simple truth: nothing is more important than your child's faith. Nothing is more important than living a life that shows your child that God created them, loves them, and desperately wants a relationship with them.

So instead of asking yourself what you want your child to do, what if you asked yourself, who do I want my child to be?

Write four qualities you want for your child:

The overwhelming day-to-day moments along the way are unavoidable and even essential to growth. But while you're surviving those, keep a bigger picture in your mind: the person that your amazing son or daughter can become.



Ask us for help! SV Kids exists to partner with you as your family meets, knows and follows Jesus. No matter what your family dynamic, we have tools and resources to help you in your parenting and faith journey! **Contact us at kids.sv.cc**



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