

**Q. What's next?**

**A.** READ the Bible to discover who God is and what He has done.



LOVE God with all your heart and soul and mind. LOVE your neighbor as yourself.



**Enjoy God  
Forever!**



Dear Parent,

During today's invitation to prayer, your child asked to be led in a prayer of salvation. We want to celebrate this important step of spiritual growth with you as well as answer any questions you may have. This New Believer's Guide illustrates for children the relationship with God and humankind in accordance with the Scriptures. It also includes a section containing questions frequently asked by new believers and their families.

To encourage your child on his or her journey to spiritual maturity in Christ, the gift of a Bible or prayer journal would be a great way to mark this special day. Some prefer to present their child with a more personal gift such as the childhood Bible that belonged to a favorite relative. Please contact us if you need assistance in providing your child with a Bible, or if we can serve your family in any way.

Sincerely,  
Northland Children's Ministries  
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# THE STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. He made the stars and the planets, the land and the seas, the plants and the animals, the birds and the sea creatures. Then He created man and woman. He named them Adam and Eve and put them in a beautiful garden where they were always close to God.

For the whole story, read Genesis 1-2.



## A. How do I study the Bible?

A. At Children's Church, you can learn the Bible stories together. At home, you can use The Daily Way or W3 Journal (Children's Church take home Bible studies) or choose a devotional for children from the Northland bookstore or children's library. If you'd like to read a book of the Bible, start with the book of John.

## A. How do I pray?

A. Prayer is just talking to God. You can pray out loud or quietly to yourself. You can pray when you are with others or when you are alone. You can pray to God whenever you want to talk to Him. You can use your own words or you can memorize and say the words that Jesus used in Matthew 6:9-13 when He taught us to pray:

*"Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen."*

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Q. I don't feel like Jesus is in my heart. Did my prayer work?**

**A.** Some people feel like a new person when they ask Jesus into their hearts. Some people don't feel any change at all. The Bible does not say you should feel a certain way, but it clearly says that "those who call upon the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

**Q. What if I think or say or do something wrong today? When I sin, do I have to start all over?**

**A.** No. Once you have Jesus in your heart the Bible promises us that nothing can separate us from God's love. Romans 8:39

Q & A

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, that was the first sin. Sin is doing wrong in God's eyes. It is doing things our way instead of God's way.



A holy and perfect God can not ever be near sin. So God sadly sent them out of the Garden. Ever since that day, our sins have separated us from God. The Bible says we all have sinned. It's as if God is on His Holy Mountain and we are on a faraway cliff. No matter how hard we try, there is no way to get to God by ourselves.

And so, God made a way...



The first step of your new life with God is  
praying the **A.B.C. prayer:**

*Lord Jesus,*

*I **A**dmit that I'm a sinner.*

*I **B**elieve You are the Lord  
who died to take my sins away.*

*Please **C**ome into my heart  
and I'll follow You forever.*

*In Jesus name, I pray. **AMEN!***

When you prayed this, Jesus sent His Holy  
Spirit to live in your heart. He gave you a new  
life forever close with God. It's called eternal  
life and it's yours forever!

for more about eternal life,  
check out John 3:16.



God loved us so much that He sent His only  
Son Jesus to make a way for us to be with  
God. Jesus made a way by taking away the  
one thing that kept us apart from God – our  
sins. When Jesus died on the cross He took  
away the sins of the world. He was innocent,  
but He paid for all our sins  
by taking our punishment.  
It's as if Jesus used  
His cross to make a  
bridge for us to get  
back to God.

Jesus invites us all  
to follow Him.

