

FOR GOD
SO LOVED THE WORLD
— THAT —
HE GAVE
HIS ONE AND ONLY SON,
— THAT —
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE
ETERNAL LIFE.

— JOHN 3:16 —



GOD LOVED.

DO IT: *On a separate piece of paper, write the words “God Loved” and draw a heart next to the word “Loved.”*

TALK ABOUT IT:

1. What are some things God created?
2. What was God’s favorite creation?
3. Who does God love?

READ IT: In the beginning, God created the whole world and everything in it, and it was perfect. God’s favorite creation was people. He loves you, he loves your family, and he loves your friends. God loves everyone in the whole world.



GOD GAVE.

DO IT: *Write the words “God Gave” and draw a cross next to the word “Gave.”*

TALK ABOUT IT:

1. Who did God give us?
2. What did Jesus do for us?
3. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?

READ IT: God gave us Jesus, his one and only Son. Jesus was perfect. He died on the cross to take the punishment for your sin and my sin—our mess-ups, the things we do that are wrong. Three days later, he came back to life!



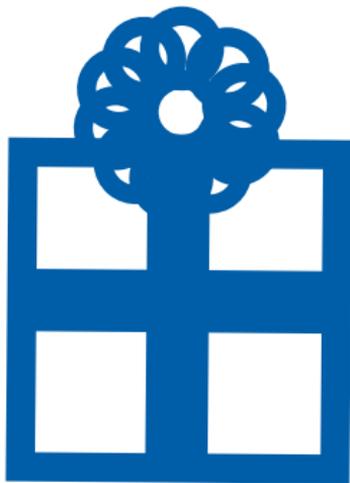
WE BELIEVE.

DO IT: *Write the words “We Believe” and draw a chair next to the word “Believe.”*

TALK ABOUT IT:

1. What do you believe about Jesus?
2. What can you do to show God you believe what Jesus did for you?

READ IT: To believe simply means to trust. Remember the chair illustration? When you sit in a chair, you trust that it will hold you. To trust in Jesus means you believe he died on the cross for YOUR sin and came back to life so you could have a relationship with God forever. We can show God we believe by doing something as simple as talking (praying) to him.



WE RECEIVE.

DO IT: *Write the words “We Receive” and draw a gift next to the word “Receive.”*

TALK ABOUT IT:

1. When you believe in Jesus, what gift do you receive?
2. What does it mean to receive eternal life?

READ IT: When you believe what Jesus did for you, you receive the gift of eternal life. That means you get to have a relationship with God now and forever in heaven.

We encourage you to pray in your own words and tell God you believe what Jesus did for you.

Here is a sample prayer that you can use as a guide:

God, thank you for loving me so much. I believe Jesus died for my sin, my mess-ups. I believe he came back to life. Thank you for loving me so much and giving me Jesus so I can have a relationship with you forever. Amen.

JUST FOR PARENTS

- 1** Listen to the “Parents Only” audio talk.
 → raisinggreatkids.org/jump-start
- 2** A relationship with God is not about being good enough or praying a perfect prayer. It’s about believing Jesus died on the cross for your sin and came back to life.
- 3** If you have never made this decision, now is the perfect time. After all, you can’t lead your child somewhere you haven’t been. The decision to trust Jesus and follow him is the single most important decision you will ever make.