

## Kids Next Steps for a New Christian

### Overview

Hillvue Heights Kids Ministry has created six sessions designed for parents to help lead their child through the Kids Next Steps for a New Christian.

After your child has come to faith in Jesus, there are some important ingredients of the Christian faith to introduce. This new faith your child has embarked upon will be more important to him/her years later as parents invest these six foundations into Faith Development principles.

Like any good recipe, ingredients and the sequence of these ingredients are extremely important to the outcome of the item you are making. No one should ever add a raw egg to a hot mixture because the egg would begin to cook and that would affect the desired outcome of the mixture. **Sequencing** our Faith Development is just as important. Many new Christians want to begin reading the Bible in Genesis, and they may become overwhelmed before getting to the end of this book. This outline has been created so that a parent can follow it to help invest in the life of their child, to construct the best foundation, and to build a life of Faith Development and trust in Jesus.

### **Session One**

*Salvation - What has happened to me???*

Essential Question: How have I changed since salvation?

Scripture: John 1:12

Materials or technology that may be helpful: Pictures of your child from birth until now, food coloring, water, and a bowl.

As you begin this session, begin looking at some photos of your child as a baby then move through the years. Ask what they see in each photo that is the same today. Then ask what has changed.

Explain that in life, we are always changing. Then move your conversation to how being saved has changed them.

Next, talk about changes in mathematics.

$$1 + 5 = 6$$

How did 1 change 5?

It changed 5 into 6.

Then, talk about how water can change colors when food coloring is added.

How did the water change from clear to \_\_\_\_\_?

Both of these changed because something was added.

When two things come together, changes happen.

Read John 1:12

But **to all** who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

1. When the Bible uses **all**, most of the time, it is talking about us. The day you asked Jesus to save you, you became the **all**.

2. The words underlined is speaking about Jesus. Remind your child that Jesus is the One who does the changing. This is important in their faith development. Share that Jesus makes a way to change our relationship with Him.

3. Focus on the words Receive, Believe, and Become.

**Receive:** Ask, "What does the word 'receive' mean?"

The dictionary tells us that receive means: be given, presented with.

Talk about how Jesus showed Himself as your Savior. Saved us from sin. We cannot do this on our own.

"...the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23

Ask your child about the last gift received. What was it? Who gave it?

Explain to them that when they were given the gift, they received it and were not asked for anything in return. Jesus did the same thing for your child at salvation. He offered the gift of a new relationship with Jesus that goes for **all of time**. Help your child to understand that just like receiving the gift from \_\_\_\_\_, at salvation, they also received a gift from Jesus.

**Believe:** Ask, "What does the word 'believe' mean?"

If you are sitting on a chair or another object, ask before you sit down, "Do I believe this chair will hold me up?" "Why do I believe it will hold me up?"

To believe in something means that you trust it to do what it is designed to do. I trust the light will come on when I flip the switch.

When you asked Jesus to forgive you, and you told Him that you trusted Him, you not only received Him, but you also believed in Him.

**Become:** This is a word which tells us a change has happened.

If you crack an egg and place it in a frying pan, it **becomes** scrambled eggs.

If you use modeling clay to make an animal, it **becomes** the animal.

Help them understand that when they asked Jesus to save them, they became something new....

If the child likes math, use this visual to help them:

Receive + Believe = Become

Show them that when they received Jesus' gift of salvation, they also believed in Jesus' mission, which shows they have become a Child of God.

Finally, personalize this scripture:

“Kathy” received the gift of salvation from Jesus, she believed in Jesus, who forgave her sins, then Jesus gave “Kathy” the right to become a child of God.