

## "Church" Words to Define

- ♥ *Saved - When you have asked God to forgive your sins and ask Jesus into your Life as Your Lord & Savior.*
- ♥ *Born Again - When Jesus becomes your Lord & Savior and you are born into God's family*
- ♥ *Give your heart to Jesus - When you ask Jesus to come into your life and be your Savior & Lord*
- ♥ *Come forward - When you walk to the front of the church during an invitation and talk to someone about asking Jesus to be your Lord & Savior, or to let others know that you have made this decision.*
- ♥ *Baptism - a way to tell people that Jesus has become your Lord & Savior*
- ♥ *Sins - The bad things you do because you have chosen your own way instead of God's*

## Check Out God's Word!

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

It takes a community to raise children who put God first by loving him, loving others, and loving to serve. Lets be that community together.



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**Sharing God's  
Special Plan  
with Children**

*Counselor's  
Guide*



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## A Word from Bro. Noah

At First Baptist Church of Claremore, we are dedicated to fulfilling the great commission. We deeply desire to see people to come to know our Risen Savior. One of the greatest joys a person can experience is introducing a child to Jesus. As counselor's to these children, it is vitally important that we lead them to a genuine experience. Sadly, many children are lead to make decisions that they do not understand. This brochure, along with the *Sharing God's Special Plan* booklet, are tools that can help counselors avoid leading children into a commitment that they are unable to comprehend. What an amazing opportunity that we have to see our children's eternity secured in the Kingdom of Heaven!



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## Guidelines to Counseling

- ♥ *Read God's Word to our children*
- ♥ *Pray with them & for them*
- ♥ *Look for teaching opportunities*
- ♥ *Model Christ-Like behavior*
- ♥ *Listen to our children*
- ♥ *Do not be afraid that you will "mess up"*
- ♥ *Be familiar with common salvation scriptures*
- ♥ *Use the tract "God's Special Plan"*

## Need Assurance? Questions to ask the child:

- ♥ When did you realize you were a sinner?
- ♥ Has there been a time in your life when you realized your were a sinner and asked Jesus to forgive you and come into your life? Tell me about it.
- ♥ Will Jesus ever leave you?
- ♥ If you died, would you go to Heaven or Hell?
- ♥ Are you letting Jesus guide your life each day? Tell me about it.
- ♥ Have you done anything that you need to ask Jesus to forgive you for?

## Is Your Child Ready?

Never pressure a child for a commitment. Never make him or her feel that their decision is not good enough or important. If the child has come forward during an invitation, he or she should feel just as good about coming forward as a child who is ready to accept Christ.

Say the following to a child if he or she is not ready: "God loves you very much! He is now helping you to understand things about Himself and His son Jesus, and He wants you to learn more. Go to Sunday Bible Study, church and participate in other church activities. Pray and read your Bible. As you do, God will teach you more and more. You have made a step towards God; however, there are more things that He wants you to learn. As you have more questions, come to me, the Pastor, your Sunday Bible Study teacher, your parents or another Christian so that we can answer them for you. Let's pray and ask God to continue to teach you about Himself and also ask Him to help you learn."

Further, a child may not want to know why he or she cannot be baptized or take the Lord's Supper. Tell him or her "God reserves these special times for those who have received Jesus as their Lord & Savior. God wants you to understand more so that baptism and the Lord's Supper will be even more special to you than they would be now. So let's do what God wants and wait a little while for you to learn more before you participate in these."