

## A Word from Bro. Noah

At First Baptist Church, we value parents and desire to partner with you in helping your children develop both physically and spiritually. Perhaps the greatest joy a parent can experience is leading their child to Christ. A parent is the most natural person to do this because you are the one who truly knows the maturity and temperament of your child. This is a privilege God has given to you as parents. It is a responsibility to be taken seriously and approached very carefully. One can never prepare too much for this task. This brochure along with the Sharing God's Special Plan with Children booklet will give you some guidance in leading your child to a personal relationship with Jesus. This is the first step in fulfilling our First Kids mission, to put God first by developing a love for Him. If you have questions or need assistance please do not hesitate to let me know.



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## BE READY!

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

## Words to Help your Child 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*
- ♥ *Repent - To turn away from your sin and choose to follow Jesus*

## Is Your Child Ready?

Never pressure your child for a commitment. Never make him or her feel that their decision is not good enough or important. If your 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 your 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, 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."