



SALVATION OBJECT LESSON

AND CONVERSATION GUIDE

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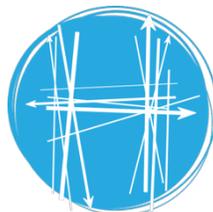
Conversation Guide
courtesy of the Parent Cue App

WHAT YOU NEED

- a hard boiled egg
- a black sharpie
- the object lesson (see next page)
- the salvation conversation guide (see last page)

WHAT YOU DO

Gather supplies needed and sit together as a family. Read through the script provided. Ask each question (in the bold print) and let your kids answer. The text in orange will let you know how to use the egg and sharpie during the lesson.



As with any object lesson, this is not a perfect representation of salvation. The idea here is to further a child's understanding of what Christ does with our hearts when we believe in Him and accept Him as our Savior.

Originally written for preschoolers, this lesson can be tailored to any age group depending on your depth of discussion.

Q: Who can tell me what sin is?

Let the children answer.

Sin is anything that we do, or say, or think that goes against what God has told us in the Bible to be truth. It is anything that makes God unhappy.

Q: What are some of the things that we do that go against God and make God unhappy?

Let the children answer. As they answer, write the sins on the egg with a permanent marker. Write them on top of each other so that the egg starts to look really black.

Q: What is this thing we are writing on? It is just a hard-boiled egg. Have you ever touched an egg? How does it feel? What does it look like?

Have different children feel the egg as they answer. (possible answers- hard, smooth, maybe a little rough, colored, dark, messy)

This egg reminds me of our hearts before we know Jesus. Before we know Jesus our hearts are hard and messy and far from perfect. But this egg also reminds me of what Jesus has done for each of us. Jesus was the Son of God and lived a long time ago. Jesus spent His life telling people about God, how much He loved them and how God wanted them to live. But Jesus didn't just live for us, He also died for us. He died for us because ALL of us have done the things that we wrote on this egg.

Name some of the things on the egg. (e.g.- We have all lied, or been unkind, or not obeyed our parents.) What did we call those things? Sin. Our sin keeps us from knowing God and following Jesus.

Start peeling the egg. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. But He didn't stay dead. After 3 days, He rose again and is now living in heaven. Jesus died on the cross for you and if you believe in Jesus and tell Him you are sorry for your sin, then He can take away your sin just like I am taking off the dark, hard peel of this egg.

When you are done peeling the egg **Q: What does it look like and feel like now?**

Have different children feel the egg as they answer. (possible answers- soft, malleable, no blemishes, clean)

That is what happens to our heart when we ask Jesus to forgive us for our sins, the things that make him unhappy. Our heart changes from messy and dark and hard to being clean and soft.

If the egg doesn't peel smoothly, it's okay! Talk about the fact that we do still sin and we aren't perfect, but we are clean and soft and ready to follow Jesus.

Take the opportunity to lead the children in prayer and give them a chance to accept Jesus as their Savior.

SALVATION

PARENT CONVERSATION GUIDE ... for kids

This is an exciting time in a kid's life. They're starting to ask questions about their faith. They're wondering about God and His love for them. They may be asking a lot of questions about Jesus—questions that you may struggle with yourself, or questions that may not have a simple answer. But that's okay. This is a starting point for your kid to begin a life-long conversation about faith. That's why we want you to "Start Here" with John 3:16. It lays the foundation for God's love for us that sent Jesus to be our Savior.

"For God so LOVED the world that he GAVE his one and only Son. Anyone who BELIEVES in him will not die but will have eternal life" (John 3:16 NIV).

WHAT TO SAY

1. GOD LOVED

- God loved you before you were even born. He created you in His image. And He loves you right now.
- But there is something that separates us from Him, something that keeps us from being with Him forever. It's called sin. It's the stuff we do wrong. Sin keeps us from living out the story that God wants for us.
- And on our own, we can't do anything about this. We need God to step in and help. But because God loved us, He made a way for all of us to live with Him forever.

ASK . . .

What is sin?
Have you ever sinned? When?
What is the problem with sin?

2. GOD GAVE

- God gave the most important, valuable, and perfect thing He had for you. He knew that our sin would keep us from living with Him forever.
- We're apart from God and would stay that way, but because God loved us, He gave His son to fix that relationship. Jesus came to make a way for you to be in God's story.
- And Jesus gave up His life on the cross to pay for our sin. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead! His resurrection defeated death and makes a relationship with God possible again.

ASK . . .

What did God give us?
Why did God give this gift?
What did Jesus do for us?

3. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN JESUS

- When you receive a gift what do you do? You open it. God said you could open His gift by believing.
- Believing simply means to trust. It's a lot like sitting in a chair. When you sit in a chair, you put all your weight in it. You trust that it will hold you up. That's what it's like to believe in or to trust in this gift.
- To open the gift that God gave you, you trust Jesus with your whole life and rest in the fact that He died and rose again for you.

ASK . . .

How can you take part in God's Big Story?
What does it mean to trust in something?
How do you know God loves you?

WHAT NOT TO SAY

1. "INVITE JESUS IN YOUR HEART ..."

For kids, the phrase "inviting Jesus into my heart" can be confusing. They're such concrete thinkers that it can worry them to think that someone is living inside their actual heart.

2. "YOU HAVE TO PRAY LIKE THIS ..."

Kids are going to express their faith with how they understand it at their age. Don't get hung up on the "right words" but rather the heart with which they pray.

3. MADE UP ANSWERS

Don't make up answers to questions you don't know yourself. "I don't know" is a legitimate answer to questions your kid has about faith. There's so much that we don't understand about how God works and how the Holy Spirit enters our life. And that's okay.

