



Dear Parents,

Our "Journey to Jesus" lessons have brought us to a very glorious and exciting point: the time when we hope the children will begin to understand why Jesus is called our "Savior" and how we can join the "family of God" in loving response to what God did for us on Calvary.

Our memory verse is the familiar invitation of Jesus found in Revelation 3:20:

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,  
I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

This week we will teach the children "how" one becomes a member of God's family. Using a simple non-denominational presentation of the gospel, we will lay the foundation for understanding what it means to be "saved" and why we call Jesus our Lord and "Savior"; but the actual procedure for your child's conversion is one that is left up to you and your church.

We will glorify God for the gifts He gives His children, and celebrate the new lives we can have in Christ; however, we will NOT lead your child to become a Christian. That is your privilege as a parent. It is a very holy moment when a child accepts the Lord and decides to give his or her life to Christ, and we will not deprive you of that experience.

If your third-grader has already given his or her life to Christ, been baptized, and begun the exciting life as a child in God's eternal family, then this week's lesson will only reinforce that decision and clarify its meaning. However, if your child has not yet made this important choice, be prepared for some questions to come your way concerning "how to become a Christian" and the feelings and understandings connected to such a decision. As your child's teacher, I am here to support you in your role of teacher and ultimate guardian over your child's spiritual development. Please know that we honor you in that role, and will do all we can to lay the groundwork as you work with your child toward this important decision.

God bless you and your conversations in the days ahead.

P.S. Please send a **small box with a lid** to school with your child by **Wednesday** of this week. Also, please send a **recent picture of your child** to school by **Thursday** of this week.

