

**Dear Parent:** A child's one hope of avoiding the temptations that surround them is a daily HABIT of seeking God in Scripture and Prayer. Most churches help just 1-2 hours a week. *The other six days are up to the parent.* We pray this coloring book is a help. For best results make a copy and color with your children THEN put your work ON DISPLAY in the home. The goal of these coloring pages is partly that the children learn about God but mostly helping them form a personal relationship...to walk and talk with him daily. May the following thoughts be a help.

**Step one: Pre Evangelism...** helping children get familiar with the idea of an invisible God. Christian art is a great start, especially art featuring a Bible verse. Age appropriate Christian music is a second great idea. Taking a child on a tour of your church is a third step to helping introduce the idea of an invisible but everpresent God.

**Step 2: PRAY for yourself,** for God's help, TIMING and guidance. Ask others to pray with you.

**Step3: PRAY for the child.** That the Holy Spirit would prepare him or her for the invitation. "Only by the Holy Spirit can anyone say Jesus is Lord."

**Step 4. Explain giving your life to Jesus...**that he truly saves us from sin but also from ourselves (our feelings and temptations. He saves us from fear by guiding and comforting us. He saves us from anger by helping us solve our problems and protecting us. He saves us from bad decisions by helping us know the difference between right and wrong...between sin and godliness. He saves us from the penalty of sin by taking our punishment for us. He saves us from loneliness because he is always with us. He saves us once and for all when he comes into our heart and each day of our lives he makes us a little more like him ... if we study his word and pray. I know we can't see Jesus but he is real. Would you like to invite him into your heart?

**Step 5. BUT before we pray** could I share what it was like when I asked Jesus into my heart.

#### **Step 6: Two Sample Sinners Prayers**

*The first is a child friendly version. "Dear Jesus, I know that you are the Savior of the world and the Son of God. I am asking you now to come into my heart to be MY savior...to save me from my fears, my loneliness and most of all from sinning against you. Please help me each day for the rest of my life to recognize sin, to turn away from it...to trust your promises and obey your commands...to study the Bible, to pray and to enjoy your love, guidance and forgiveness forever."*

The second is a prayer used by Billy Graham. *"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen."*

**Step Seven: Share scripture about THE NEW LIFE.** One that comes to mind is; Eph. 4:22-24 "Put off the old self...put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." Print your verse or write it out so the child can keep it where it will remind him or her of their decision.

**Step Eight: Invite questions/doubts...**for the child to share with God, with you or both.