



Family Time

Main Idea:
Salvation



Key Verse: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Get ready: You will need an empty pop bottle and a small piece of paper.

Experiment:

Make a tight little paper wad with the piece of paper. It should be smaller than the opening of the pop bottle.

Set the paper wad on a table and place your chin against the table, so you will be able to blow the paper wad. Now, get a family member to hold the empty pop bottle so that the opening to the bottle is against the table about a foot away from where you are blowing. Blow the paper wad into the bottle. Keep trying a few times to get the wad to go into the bottle.

Say: The bottle is full of unseen air and won't allow anything to enter.



Ask:

Could you make the paper wad go into the pop bottle?

Were you blowing too hard? Not hard enough?

Why would it not go inside the bottle? Was there something else in the bottle? (There was already air in the bottle. When you blew toward the bottle, it kept the air inside, so that the paper could not enter. Two things, like the air and the paper, cannot take up the same space at the same time.)



Discuss: Think about how this experiment is like God coming into our lives. Before He can come in, something must get out. What needs to get out of our lives? (The sin of unbelief.) God offers us a way to get rid of sin, by offering us forgiveness. At the moment we place our faith in Him and the unbelief is gone, He comes into our lives.

How do we get sin out of our lives? (We pray, ask God for forgiveness, and put our trust in Jesus. In addition, you can ask God to help you change your attitudes, your words, your thoughts, and your actions.)

Provide a time for your child, if it is right, to express faith in Jesus and ask Him to come into their life. A few things to keep in mind, though, when talking to your child about salvation: The fact that they are asking questions does not necessarily mean they are ready to make a life-changing decision. Questions are very natural for children, and that's how they proceed from knowing a little to understanding a lot. Use words your child will understand.



Pray:

Dear God, thank you for loving us so much that you sent your Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. Thank you that we can have salvation in Him. In Jesus' name, amen.