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## Salvation Message

You will need to cut four shapes out of paper, a red heart, a black heart with white on the reverse, a cross and a paper doll figure.

### What to say:

Did you know that God knows everything about you? He knows what you ate for breakfast. He knows which toys you love to play with most. He even knows what makes you happy and what makes you sad.

*(Note: Try to personalize this introduction as much as possible; for example, by naming what your child had for breakfast, their favourite toy, etc. Or use different ideas that will be meaningful to your child.)*

And Guess What? God loves YOU very, very much! **(Show the red heart, this represents God and His love)**

God loves you so much, He wants to be your friend forever.

But... there's a problem, You and I and everyone else in the world are not like God. God is always good. Sometimes we choose to do things we know are wrong even though God tells us not to do those things. ( give examples of things kids might do that are wrong)

In the Bible, the wrong things we do are called "sin". **(Show the black heart and explain this represents our sin)** In the Bible it also says that "everyone has sinned".

Our sin does something sad to our friendship with God, it makes God seem far away.

But, I have GREAT NEWS! God did something wonderful for us! Because He loves us so much, God sent His Son, Jesus to die on the cross to pay for all our sins. **(Show the cross, explain this is the shape of the cross that Jesus died on)**

Because of Jesus, all the wrong things that we've ever done can be forgiven and not only that, all the wrong things we'll ever do, can be forgiven as well! God is just waiting for you to say sorry. When we tell God that we believe Jesus died for us and then ask God to forgive our sins, He forgives us right away. The Bible tells us that. (1 John 1:9)

**(Place the cross between the red heart and the black heart. Move the hearts together to touch the cross. Turn the black heart over to the white side)**

When God forgives you, You and Him are friends forever! You are part of His special family!

**(Show that the cross makes a bridge to join the white heart with the red heart. Have the paper doll walk across the bridge made by the cross.)**

God will always be there for you.

Give children an opportunity to pray and ask God to be their forever friend.

Pray this prayer:

**Dear God, I know I've done some wrong things. I'm glad Jesus died for me and came back to life again! Please forgive me of the wrong things I do. I want you to be my forever friend. Help me to make right choices. Thank you for loving me so much!**

**In Jesus' name, Amen**



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