

# THE GOSPEL

## God's Plan for Me



### GOD RULES

*Colossians 1:16-17 ESV*

For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.



### WE SINNED

*Romans 3:23 & 6:23 ESV*

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord together.



### GOD PROVIDED

*John 3:16 ESV*

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.



### JESUS GIVES

*Romans 5:8 ESV*

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



### WE RESPOND

*Romans 10:9-10, 13 ESV*

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your hear that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

# The word gospel means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



## GOD RULES

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything (Colossians 1:16-17).



## WE SINNED

Since the time of Adam and Eve in the very beginning, everyone has chosen to disobey God (Romans 3:23). The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death (Romans 6:23).



## GOD PROVIDED

God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to take our place and rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us (John 3:16).



## JESUS GIVES

Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! (Romans 5:8)



## WE RESPOND

We can respond to Jesus (Romans 10:9-10, 13). “The ABCs of Becoming a Christian” is a simple tool that helps us remember how to respond when prompted by the Holy Spirit to receive the gift Jesus offers.

### ADMIT

Admit to God that you are a sinner. Tell God you messed up and you are sorry for doing your own thing and turning away from Him through your thoughts, words, and actions.

### BELIEVE

Believe that Jesus is God's Son and receive God's gift of forgiveness from sin. You must believe that only Jesus (His life, death, and resurrection) can save you and you cannot save yourself from your own sin problem.

### CONFESS

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Tell God and tell others what you believe. In placing Jesus as your Savior, you are trusting only in Him to save you and placing Him in charge of your life.

If you sense that your child is ready to RESPOND to the good news, here is a simple prayer to guide you. Be encouraged that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring us to conviction and causes us to see the truth of the Gospel! (John 16:8-11) Pray and tell God something like this:

Dear God,

I know I have disobeyed You and gone my own way. My sin separates me from You. I am sorry that I have disobeyed You and earned Your punishment, but today I turn back to You. I believe that Jesus dies on the cross in my place so that my sins can be forgiven. I believe Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. I trust Jesus to save me. Thank You for sending Jesus to live a perfect life and to take away my punishment. God, please forgive me and help me to obey You and to live for You the rest of my life! Thank You. Amen.

### Tell Others

If you have made a decision to follow Christ, Congratulations on making the most important decision of your life! You are now part of God's family. Tell others. Reach out and tell your Creekside Staff! If you have more questions about the Gospel or what it means to respond to Jesus as your Savior, please contact us at [CreeksideKids@Creeksideeg.com](mailto:CreeksideKids@Creeksideeg.com)