

Salvation in Jesus Christ

If your child seems ready to hear more about the gospel, discuss the points below. Let your child take the initiative to trust Christ as Savior; never pressure a decision. (If you want more information on trusting Christ, talk with your child's Cubbies leader.)

1. God loves you and wants you to be His friend forever.

For God so loved the world ... (John 3:16)

2. Because we are all sinners, we can't be friends with God.

Sin is anything we think, say or do that disobeys God (lying, hitting, disobeying parents, etc.). We were all born sinners (Romans 5:12-21). God is perfectly good, and He must punish sin. The punishment for sin is dying and being away from God forever.

For all have sinned ... (Romans 3:23)

(TIP: To help your child understand the concept of punishment, remind your child of a time he or she experienced consequences for disobedience.)

3. God helped us to be His friends.

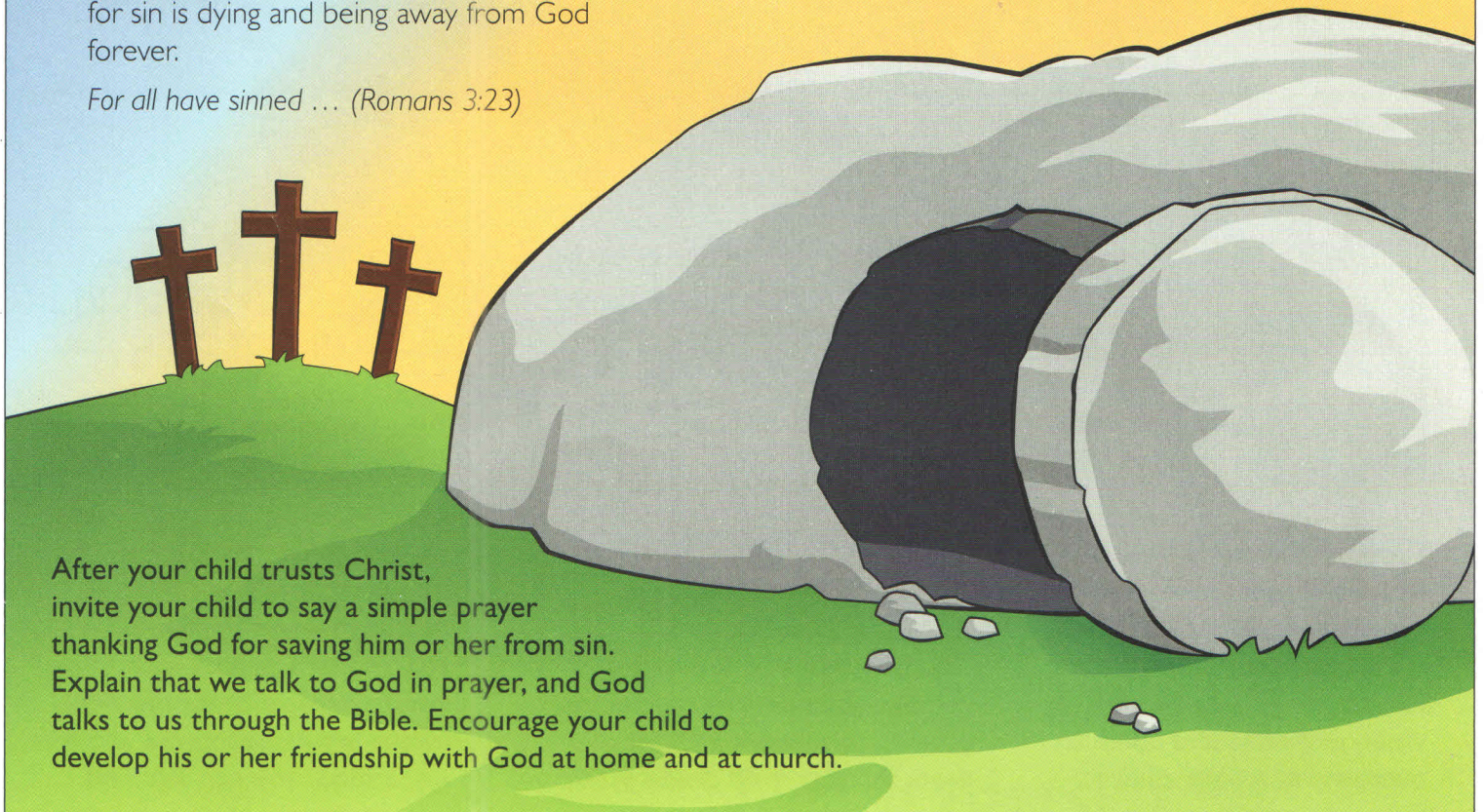
He sent his Son, Jesus Christ (who never sinned), to be punished instead of us. Jesus died on the cross for our sins because He loved us so much. Then Jesus came alive again!

... Christ died for our sins ... He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

4. When you trust that the Lord Jesus died to save you from sin and rose again, you are God's friend forever.

All your sins are forgiven. God's Spirit comes to live in you (Ephesians 1:13), and someday, you will live with God in heaven.

... "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved ..."
(Acts 16:31)



After your child trusts Christ, invite your child to say a simple prayer thanking God for saving him or her from sin. Explain that we talk to God in prayer, and God talks to us through the Bible. Encourage your child to develop his or her friendship with God at home and at church.

