



# What must a child believe to be saved?

Belief is taking God at His word and trusting in Him for salvation (2 Samuel 7:28).

It involves the head, heart and hands.

## The Head

There are six facts a child needs to know in order to be saved:

1. There is a God who created everything and holds everything together (Genesis 1).
2. God is a personal being known as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14).
3. God wants a relationship with us because He loves us (Jeremiah 31:3).
4. Sin (living our own way and not God's way) is a barrier to us having a relationship with God (Isaiah 59:2).
5. We can do nothing about sin and will never be good enough to be in a relationship with God (Isaiah 64:6).
6. Jesus solved the relationship problem through His death and resurrection. He died on a cross to pay the penalty for the punishment we deserve for our sin. When we confess our sin and ask Jesus for forgiveness, He bring us into a relationship with God (Romans 5:10).

## The Heart

Belief requires information about God, but belief isn't intellectual assent (Proverbs 3:5-6). Belief requires conviction. A child must be persuaded by the direction of the Holy Spirit to call on Jesus for salvation. When a child asks Jesus to be in his/her heart (Ephesians 3:17) - the centre of all the operations of a child's life (Romans 10:9), that's when a child is saved (Acts 16:31).

## The Hands

While belief is rooted in the heart, it's evident in a changed life. Salvation can't be hidden. It drives a child to action. When a child believes in Jesus he/she will love and live for Jesus by doing the things Jesus would do (John 14:12).

Salvation is about a dynamic relationship with Jesus. When a child is saved, he/she believes Jesus is alive and working in and through him/her.