



SERIES: FOUNDATIONS FOR KIDS

# How To Start a Relationship With God

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*Props: Decorate your large group space with a banner or cutouts that say*

*"Foundations For Kids!" Make talk bubbles that say "Trust Jesus," "Honor God," and "Help Others."*

## Slide: Welcome

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

**Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.**

## Slide: Series Intro

Today we're starting a new series called "Foundations". Does anyone know what the word "foundation" means and why it's important? (allow kids to answer). Those are some good thoughts. Let's think about it in terms of a lego tower. What do you need in order to build a super tall tower? (allow kids to answer). Right, you need a strong base at the bottom that will support the pieces going up. That's how our relationship with God works, too. We need to have a good foundation or our faith in God won't be strong.

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing.

## Song

*We Will Dance*

**Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.**

## Slide: Big Idea

*All together:*

***We start a relationship with God by trusting in Jesus. (Repeat)***

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

**So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...**

- **What is our problem? (Sin)**

- Who is our solution? (Jesus)
- True or False: Jesus offers us the free gift of forgiveness. (T)

The first foundational truth we need to understand about our relationship with God is: We start a relationship with God by trusting in Jesus. Here's why. The Bible says that our relationship with God has been broken due to sin. We're all born with this problem that encourages us to go our own way instead of God's way. So, Jesus came to fix the problem. He came to pay the price for our sins by dying on the cross. When Jesus did that, he broke the power of sin in our lives. Isn't that amazing?! And, here is some more good news! Jesus offers us this gift of forgiveness free of charge! We don't have to pay for it. We don't have to earn it. All we can do is receive the gift by putting our trust in Jesus.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"We are made right (thumbs up) with God by placing our faith (hands in prayer) in Jesus Christ (point up). And, this is true for everyone who believes (hand over heart), no matter who we are. " Romans 3:22 *(Repeat)*

Did you catch that? Our relationship with God is fixed when we put our trust in Jesus and what he did for us on the cross. Do you know how we can put our trust in Jesus? (allow kids to answer). It's simple. We tell Jesus that we're sorry for our sins and that we need his forgiveness. And we invite him into our hearts to help us to live a life that honors him. It's that easy. If you've never invited Jesus into your heart, talk to your teacher and parents today. It's the best decision you'll ever make!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*Everywhere I Go*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

We start a relationship with God by trusting in Jesus. *(Repeat)*

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

*Pray and dismiss.*