

Kids SALT Lesson 2

I Am a Friend of God

Teacher Time

Teacher's Devotional:

Review the adult SALT Spiritual book Chapter 2 - I Am in Christ and meditate on the following verses...

- *"For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his **enemies**, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God--all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us **friends** of God."*
Romans 5:10-11 (NLT)
- *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJ)
- *"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son."* **Colossians 1:13** (NASB)

Lesson Summary:

Everyone born into this world inherits sin from Adam and is separated from God. The punishment for sin is death. The good news is that Jesus came to take your punishment for being God's enemy (a sinner) and He died in your place. If you believe in Jesus and receive Him into your life, you are a new creation "in Christ;" all that you were has passed away. You are not the same person anymore. You have a new future. Instead of death, you have eternal life. You have a new past. Your sinful past is wiped out. Your new past is not who you used to be or what you used to do; it is what Jesus did on the cross. You don't have to be controlled by your past anymore. You have been made right with God. Nothing you can do or have ever done will change that fact. You are no longer God's enemy; you are His friend.

The Review

SALT Spiritual book
Chapter 2 - I Am in Christ



Key Point

We have a new future, a new past, and a new identity when we are in Christ.



Key Scripture

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." **2 Corinthians 5:17** (NKJ)



Application:

Believe and receive what Jesus did for **you** on the cross. Thank God for your new past and a new future. Confess any guilt over past failures and any pride over past successes. Thank God that because you are "in Christ," you have a new identity...child and friend of God.

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Getting Ready

The Biblical Truth: Everyone born into this world inherits sin from Adam and is separated from God. The punishment for sin is death. The good news is that Jesus came to take your punishment for being God's enemy (a sinner) and He died in your place. If you believe in Jesus and receive Him into your life, you are a new creation "in Christ;" all that you were has passed away. You are not the same person anymore. You have a new future. Instead of death, you have eternal life. You have a new past. Your sinful past is wiped out. Your new past is not who you used to be or what you used to do; it is what Jesus did on the cross. You don't have to be controlled by your past anymore. You have been made right with God. Nothing you can do or have ever done will change that fact. You are no longer God's enemy; you are His friend.

The Lesson:

- Shaker the Baker's Cooking Show – gives tips on clean cooking conditions and illustrates how sin pollutes and Jesus cleanses.
- Salt Lick the Strummin' Cowboy – spins a tale of Paul's conversion.
- Flavair the Paintair – draws the SALT diagram for students.
- Learn and sing Lesson 2 song "I Am A Friend of God"
- Small group activity

The Objectives: Children will...

- Discover what the Bible says about sin.
- Discuss how accepting Jesus' death can change their identity.
- Learn the difference between being God's enemy and being His friend.
- Draw a diagram that illustrates what it means to be "born again".
- Apply Biblical truths to their lives.

The Props:

- Ingredients for recipe: water, corn starch, iodine and Oxi Clean stain remover powder (*see illustration #2A*)
- See Theater Time for other props
- Bibles and Kids SALT discipleship journals
- Colored pencils
- White board, markers and eraser

The Players: All the SALT characters require costumes like the ones listed in the introduction. Volunteers can be male or female, adults or junior helpers. Establish these people before presenting the lesson so they can have their costumes and props ready and their lines practiced.

- Shaker the Baker
- Salt Lick the Strummin' Cowboy
- Flavair the French Paintair
- 4-6 strong student readers



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Theater Time

The Props

- * Baker's costume
- * Applause sign
- * CD with musical intro.
- * Roll of paper towels and counter cleaner
- * Cooking utensils
- * A clear glass
- * Ingredients for experiment (see illustration and directions #2 A)
- * A wooden spoon
- * A small jar labeled "Good Behavior"
- * A small jar labeled "sin"
- * A small jar labeled "Jesus Death"
- * Scriptures written or typed on cards for readers

The Review: Kid's SALT Lesson 1 - I Am Not God

This is a great opportunity for leaders to assess what the children learned from last week and review concepts that they may not have understood or remembered. Divide students into smaller groups.

Discuss: Last time, you learned that sometimes we try to take God's place.

- What do you remember about our lesson last time?
- What are some of God's rights and powers? (God is The Boss, The Judge and The Star)
- How do we try to be like God? (By trying to be the boss, the judge and the star)
- How did Jesus show us how to live? (He didn't try to be the boss, the judge or the star.)

Draw: Instruct children to individually draw what they remember about the "I Am Not God" diagram on the review sheet in their Discipleship Journal or invite several volunteers to draw it for the large group on the white board. Encourage the group to repair any mistakes they made on the review sheet before moving into the next lesson.

Sing: Lesson #1 song "I Am Not God"

Today's Lesson: I Am a Friend of God

Concept Illustration: Sin Polluted the World

Staging: Set up the stage to look like a cooking show.

- Shaker the Baker enters. Play Shaker the Baker's Theme song. Hold up an applause sign for the audience.

Shaker the Baker Says: Hello, all you pint sized chefs and bakers out there. Do you know how to shake and bake? That means: do you know how to cook? What kinds of foods can you make?

- Let some children share things they can make or cook.

Sounds delicious! Bon appétit! That means tasty food makes for a good appetite. Today I want to give you a helpful tip for when you are in the kitchen making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or any of those other recipes you told me you can make.

First, let me ask you an important question: Would you rather eat food that is prepared by a chef with dirty hands or clean hands? *(hold up your hands)* Would you rather eat food cooked in a dirty or clean kitchen? *(gesture toward your counter)* Yes, I agree. **Clean** hands and a **clean** kitchen. That's the best.



My tip for any baker is to wash your hands and clean your kitchen counters before and after you prepare food *(hold up paper towels and a counter cleaner and clean the counter)*. Also use clean utensils *(hold up various utensils like a spatula and big spoon)*. It's important to have clean hands and a clean kitchen when cooking but God also wants us to be clean inside *(place hand on heart)*.

- *Begin recipe using the presentation in Illustration #2A. Set out the glass with first ingredient and place it on a table that is visible to all the children.*

God created the world without sin. It was perfect and clean in every way like this water. *(gesture toward the glass of water)* Then God placed Adam and Eve in His wonderfully clean garden. He walked and talked with them. They were His friends. Adam and Eve were clean and without sin. That means they had NEVER done anything wrong.

Adam and Eve enjoyed God's garden and His friendship and everything was perfect. God asked only ONE thing of them - not to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. One tree. *(hold up pointer figure)* God knew bad things would happen if they ate from that tree and he wanted to protect them from that. Sort of like when your parents tell you not to eat food that was dropped on the floor because it's dirty and might make you sick. God even told them that if they disobeyed, and did eat from that tree, they would DIE.

Well, you may already know that Satan was their enemy and that he disguised himself as a serpent. He tempted Adam and Eve into eating the fruit that God, their True Friend, had told them to not eat. They forgot all the good things God had done and chose to believe the lies of Satan. It's a sad story because when they disobeyed God it lead to death and sin and that dirtied up and polluted the world.

- *Add to the glass some of the liquid from the "Sin" jar. Shaker the Baker should stir it with great fanfare and drama using a large wooden spoon.*

Shaker the Baker Says: When sin entered the world, it changed everything! The world became a dark place to live in, just like the way this water is changing. Adam and Eve's sin hurt all of us. The Bible says that there is a punishment for sin, and it is death. Even a little sin messes things up so much that it's not clean anymore. Like the water here: Is any water in the jar clear after the coloring is added? No, it's all been polluted.

- **Personal Testimony:** *This is a great opportunity for Shaker the Baker to share some of his/her personal testimony. Children love to listen to stories especially if they are true! Think of a time that you committed a sin (keep it appropriate for children) in your childhood. Be transparent with the children. Be sure to share what the consequences were so that the children can hear how sin affected your childhood. Add the next chemical. Stir the mixture and dramatically point out how awful sin is making this recipe look.*
- **Group Participation:** *Ask the children to identify different kinds of sin. Add more liquid from the Sin"jar until the water is black. Stir the mixture and discuss how your recipe is ruined. At this point the water should be very dark.*

Shaker the Baker Says: Since Adam and Eve sinned, every one of us is born with a flesh that wants to sin. It's our sin that makes us an enemy of God, even though He wants to be our friend. And like we heard before, there is a punishment for sin—death—so death is always in our future.

People may say, *"I can clean up my life with good behavior"* like I used these paper towels and cleaner to clean up my kitchen counters. Let's think of the kitchen like it's our life and that God wants it all clean.

- *Pour in the water from the "Good Behavior"jar or wipe the outside of the glass with a paper towel.*

You see, even though it might look clean to you and to me, God still sees dirt and sin because He wants your life to be "God-clean". The sad news is that all of your good deeds and trying to be good won't be enough to clean things up the way God wants them cleaned up. But the good news is that God sent Jesus to clean things up just the way God the Father wants them.

- **Volunteer Readers:** *Ask for four strong readers to volunteer to read upcoming Bible verses. Type the verses out on individual strips of paper for your readers.*
- **Volunteer Readers:** *"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."*
Romans 5:8 (NLT)



Shaker the Baker Says: To have Jesus come in and clean up the sin in your life isn't as hard as you might think. First, you must recognize that you can't clean things up by yourself, and then you BELIEVE what the Bible says...that Jesus took the punishment for your sins and cleans things up when you RECEIVE Him into your life. Jesus even took the punishment you deserve for being God's enemy, a sinner, and He died in your place so you could escape death.

- **Volunteer Readers:** *"For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed His blood, sacrificing His life for us..."* **Romans 3:25** (NLT)

Shaker the Baker Says: *(Pour the last ingredient labeled "Jesus' Death" into the glass and stir. The mixture will turn white as snow.)* So, Jesus does for us what we can never do on our own. He makes us clean. So clean that God is happy to be our friend and to invite us into His wonderful clean kitchen or I should say "heaven". You can't have a better friend than Jesus!

- **Volunteer Reader:** *"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son."* **Colossians 1:13** (NASB)

Shaker the Baker Says: Have you made the choice to believe that Jesus took the punishment for your sins? If you have not, would you like to do that now?

- Encourage the kids to repeat the following prayer out loud:
- **Prayer:** *"Jesus, I am a sinner and Your enemy. I know that my good behavior won't save me. I believe that Your death on the cross is the only way for me to be forgiven and saved from death. I receive You into my life. Thank You for making me clean. I am now Your child and Your friend."*

Shaker the Baker Says: Watch what happens when I add the most powerful ingredient to our recipe. *(Pour in the last chemical labeled "Jesus Death" into the glass and stir. The mixture will turn clear again.)* This is exactly how Jesus cleans you when you believe in Him. Your sins are forgiven. You are not the same person anymore. You are a new creation. Your sinful past is wiped out. You aren't headed for death anymore you are headed toward life. Instead of being God's enemy, you are His friend. *(Share how you received Jesus and He washed your sins away and made you clean inside.)*



- **Volunteer Reader:** *"For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his **enemies**, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us **friends** of God."* **Romans 5:10–11** (NLT)

Now that's real comfort food for our hearts. Thank you for watching my cooking show. This is Shaker the Baker reminding you to keep clean inside and out. Bon Appétit!

- *Shaker leaves the stage as the music plays and as everyone claps.*
- *Sing Kids SALT Lesson #2 song about being friends with God*
- *Encourage children to privately thank the Lord for all He has done for them.*
- *Give Jesus a praise offering together by clapping and yelling "Thank you, Jesus".*

Changing Water Recipe

Ingredients

Water
Corn Starch
Iodine (available at most pharmacies)
Oxi Clean Stain Removal powder

Prepare Before the Skit

- Main Glass
- Dissolve 1/8 tsp. of corn starch in 1 c. hot water
- Jar labeled "Sin"
- Mix 1/4 tsp. of Iodine with 1/8 c. water
- Jar labeled "Good Behavior"
- 1/8 c. water
- Jar labeled "Jesus' Death"
- Contains 1/4 – 1/2 c. of Oxi Clean powder (no water)



Presentation

- Begin the presentation with the corn starch solution on the counter for the kids to see. It will look like a glass of almost clear liquid. (Liquid represents: the purity of man at creation.)
- Add some of the iodine water from the jar labeled "Sin" until the solution turns blue. (Bluish liquid represents: sin polluting all mankind.)
- Pour in the water from the "Good Behavior" jar. (No change in the color of the water represents: good deeds can't remove sin.)
- Continue to add the iodine water each time "sin" is mentioned until the solution turns black.
- Next add the Oxi Clean – from the jar labeled "Jesus' Death" – until the solution turns milky white. (The white liquid represents: Jesus making us white as snow.)

Suggestions

Practice the recipe once or twice before presenting it for the kids.
Double the recipe for larger groups.

Illustration #2A

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Biblical Example

The Props

- * Old guitar
- * Cowboy costume

The Character

Salt Lick is one of the good old boys from out west.

He likes to tell Bible stories to his friends.

He's a happy kind of guy.

He likes to sing, hum or whistle.

His guitar is always with him and it is an important part of his story tellin'.

He gets the kid's involved with his story tellin'.

Concept reinforced through a biblical example: Our lives are completely changed when we believe in and receive Jesus.

Salt Lick the Strummin' Cowboy enters (in costume) to spin a tale of Paul the Apostle's conversion. Salt Lick strums his guitar to punctuate a point now and then. He enters singing, humming or whistling "Don't Fence Me In."

Oh, give me land, lots of land under starry skies above. Don't fence me in.

Let me roam through the wide, open spaces that I love. Don't fence me in.

Salt Lick says: Howdy, ya'll. It's your old pal, Salt Lick! (strum) How many kids here can talk "Cowboy"? Ain't many so let me tell you how. When I say "howdy" it means "hello". So can you all say, "Hello" in Cowboy?

- Everyone says, "Howdy!"

Salt Lick says: (strum) Now, that sounds like a bunch of real cowboys and cowgirls. I've got a powerful good story for you all and it's about a feller who was a bad maverick...that means he was rebellious, until God got a-hold of him and gave him a brand new past, a brand new future. You might say God put his own "brand" on him, (*hold an imaginary branding iron*) and made him His partner! Oh yeah, "partner" is Cowboy talk for "friend". (strum)

This feller's name was Saul and he hated the Christians who were God's friends and partners. When Saul spotted a Christian, he'd lasso 'em, put 'em in jail and even hang 'em from the highest tree...that's Cowboy talk for "he had 'em "killed". Doin' all that to God's friends, do you think this feller was God's friend or enemy?

- Everyone says, "God's enemy!"

Salt Lick says: *(strum)* Yep, yur right as rain about that. Saul was God's enemy. Now, don't get me wrong. Saul did a lot of good things like goin' to church and plunkin' down money in the offering plate but all his good behavior wudn't enough to make up for his sins. Nope, In God's eyes, he was still as dirty as a pig in a mud hole. *(strum)*

Well, one day Saul was ridin' his horse to town and up ahead came the brightest light anyone had ever seen. It was light from heaven that was so bright it knocked Saul plum off his horse, and even made him blind. *(strum)*

Yep, all of a sudden he was a blind as a bat, but the story don't stop there. It gets even more excitin' cause next thang he knew he heard a big voice callin' his name. The Voice was a comin' out of that bright light. Sayin', "Saul, why air you persecutin' Me". That's not Cowboy talk. That's plain old English and "persecutin'" means "treatin' real bad". *(strum)* Saul had no idear Who was a talkin' or what He was a talkin' about so Saul says kind a scared like, "Who are Ya, Sir?" Now who do you think was talkin' to Saul?

That's right. It was the Lord! *(point up)*

The Voice said, "I am **Jesus**, the One yur persecutin'!" *(strum)* Now wouldn't that knock your hat in the creek and yur boots plum off yur feet? *(stomps his boot)*

Well, it may sound funny, but when Saul finally saw the light, it made him blind, and that's when he finally saw the truth. So, Saul got himself up, and cause he was blind, folks had to lead him into town. They put him up at a little place on Straight Street. He waited fer God to show him what to do next. He didn't eat nuthin' or drink nuthin'. He was jest prayin' and thinking about all the mean and evil thangs he'd done.

Right about then, *(strum)* God spoke to a feller by the name of Ananias. *(pause)* It ain't much of a cowboy name, but that's what this feller's name was. No matter though, cause Saul was mighty glad to meet him even though he couldn't see him. And do you know why? Cause God had dun told him to expect Ananias, and by now Saul was listenin' real close to ever-thang God was a-sayin'. Ya see, they was becomin' good friends.



Funny thing is, Ananias didn't know what all God was doin' in Saul's heart, so when God told him to go help Saul it didn't make no sense to him. God said, "Partner! I want you to go to Straight Street and ask for Saul." Well, Ananias never met Saul but he'd heard tell of him, and knew he had been God's enemy, a-killin' Christians and such, so Ananias didn't really want to go. *(strum)* But God set him straight and said, "Saul is gonna be my partner now too, and he's prayin' to Me right now, so I showed him that a man named Ananias...that's YOU...would come and pray fer him and he'd see again." *(strum)* Don't that beat all?

I reckon Ananias was probly thinkin' "That Saul is a rattler fer sure. But if God says do it, I'ma gonna do it. Cause God always knows best"! *(strum)* So, he done what the Lord toad him and shore nuf he found Saul right where the Lord said. Course God don't lie.

Ananias prayed for him and Saul got his sight back, and him and Ananias become partners too. Yep, ya see, he knowed that anybody who is a friend of God was also his friend. God even gave Saul a new name cause he was such a totally new man. He called him "Paul" cause he wasn't God's enemy no more. He was God's friend. He was a brand new person. God had chores for Saul, I mean Paul, to do and it wasn't killin' Christians it was makin' Christians.

Did you know this feller PAUL wrote many of the books of the New Testament Bible? He wasn't in that there line of Adam headed for death no more. He believed and received what Jesus did on the cross and God yanked him right out of that line and plunked him into the line of Jesus. Yeehaw! *(slap your knee)* Satan lost again, like he always does when he comes up against God! So that's the story of how Saul, God's enemy, became Paul, God's friend.

(slowly stand and look around at kids) I wish there was time for one more bowl of chili but I gotta hit the trail. That's Cowboy talk for "Wish I could stay longer but I gotta be goin'." Why don't ya'll stand up and give the Lord a big "Yeehaw!" See ya next time, partners!

- *All the kids stand up and shout, "Yeehaw!" then gallop in place on their imaginary horses as Salt Lick rides off on his imaginary horse.*

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Diagram Time

The Props

- * Makers and a wipe board or paints and an easel
- * Artist costume
- * 2 readers
- * Bible versed typed out for readers

The Character

Flavair is French and occasionally says a few French words.

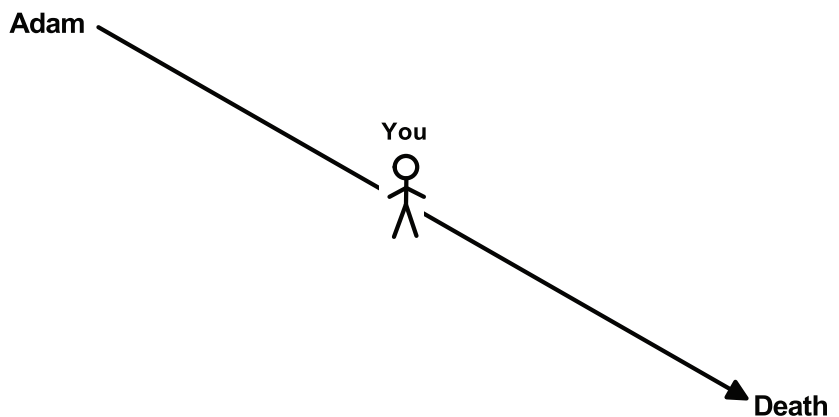
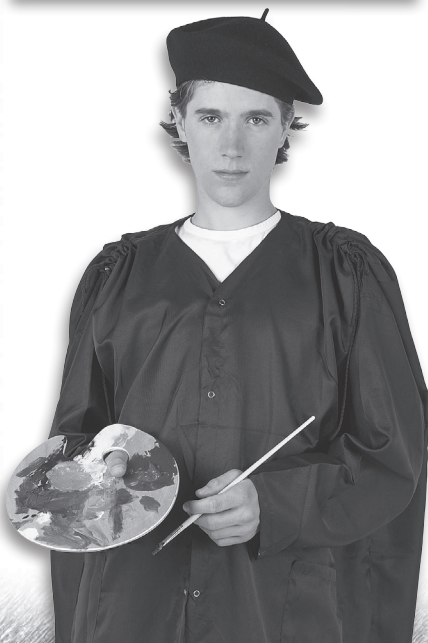
Flavair is a bit flamboyant and paints with a lot of flair.

Introduce the next character, the artist, Flavair the French Paintair. The artist should arrive in costume with several colored markers. The artist will be drawing the diagram for the children to copy in their Kid's SALT discipleship journals. The diagram will be drawn in sections and explained step by step.

STEP 1 Flavair the Paintair Says and Draws: (*speaks with French accent*)

(*in a sad voice*) Bonjour (hello) Monsieurs, Madames, and Mademoiselles! Ladies and Gentlemen! I have some very bad news for you. (*wipes a pretend tear from his eye*) Everyone born into this world – were YOU born into this world? Oui, so was I. So all of us inherit sin from Adam and are separated from God.

- **Volunteer Readers:** Ask for 2 strong readers to volunteer to read upcoming Bible verses. Type the verses out on individual strips of paper for your readers.
- **Volunteer reader: Romans 3:23** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (NKJ)
- Write "Adam" "You" and "death" on your board and draw an arrow down to death as the scripture is read. Draw stick person on the line.



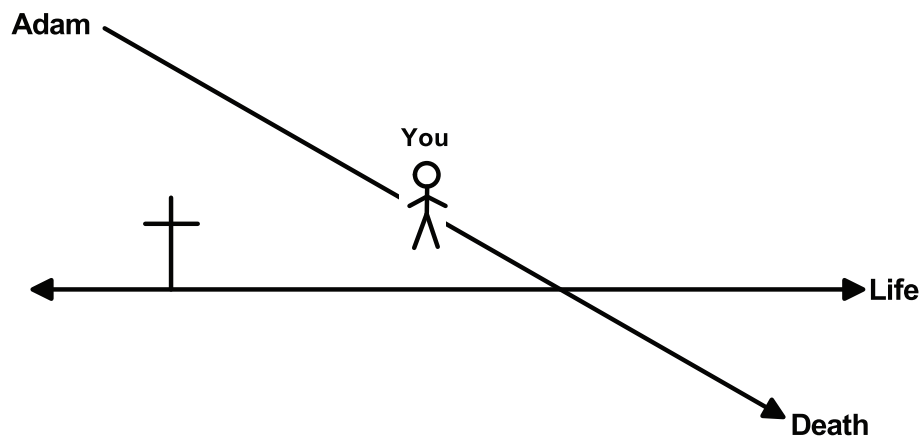
That verses says that no matter how hard you try to be a good person, you are a sinner and look - death is in your future. You are an enemy of God. You are on a path to **death**.

- **Volunteer reader:** *"Therefore, just as through one man [Adam] sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned."* **Romans 5:12** (NKJ)

STEP 2 Artist Says and Draws: Escaping Death

You may say, "Flavair, is there no good news?" *(In a cheerful voice)* Oui, oui (yes) there is good news! Look at this - Jesus crosses your path. He came to take your punishment for being God's enemy, a sinner, and He died in your place. He was crucified on a cross. His death paid for and wiped out all of your sins.

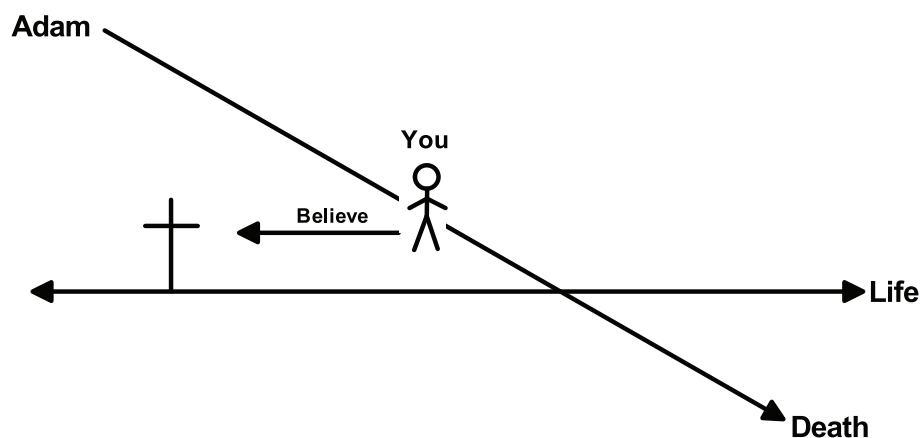
- Draw next line and cross and the word "life" on diagram.



STEP 3 Artist Says and Draws: Believe and Receive

To escape the path leading to death, you must BELIEVE that Jesus took the punishment for your sins and receive Him into your life.

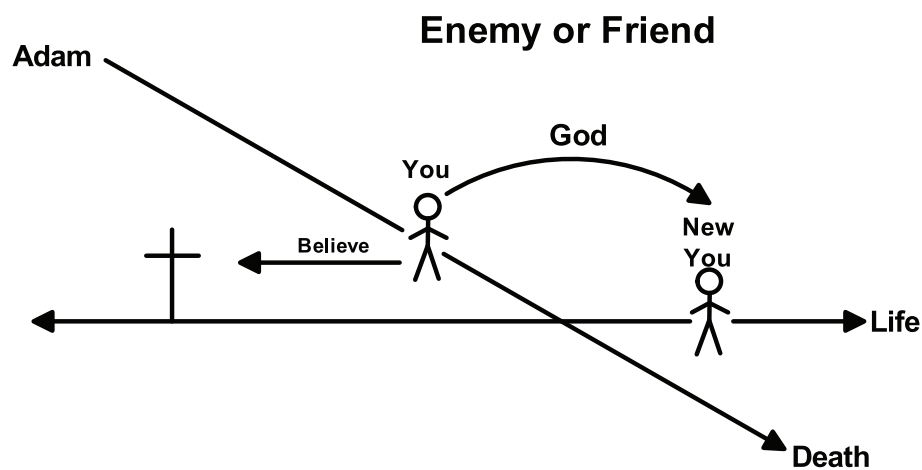
- Draw arrow pointing to the cross and write the word "believe" on diagram.



STEP 4 Artist Says and Draws: Friend of God

After you have done your part of believing that Jesus died for your sins, asking Him to forgive you and receiving His free gift of forgiveness, God's part is to move you into Christ's line. Like this, (*snap fingers*) voila! As soon as you are moved into Christ's path, God makes you brand new. Now that you are "in Christ," you have a new future (eternal life) and a new past. You are now God's friend and His child. You are clean and no longer polluted by sin like Shaker the Baker showed you.

- **Volunteer Reader:** *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." John 1:12 (NKJ)*
- *Point to the diagram as the above verse is being read.*
- *Draw arrow and new stick person on the line to life. Write "God" and "New You."*



STEP 5 Artist Says:

Tres bien! In English, you'd say, "That's very good"! Let's all say, "Merci or thank You" to God for making us His friends.

- Everyone says: "Thank You, God!"

Artist Says: Au revoir! Goodbye, children. I'll draw again for you next time.

- *Throw the class a kiss.*
- *Everyone throws Flavair a kiss.*

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Applying Time

Small Group Activity: Now it is time for the children to explain what they understand about the lesson "I Am a Friend of God". Divide the large group into age appropriate small groups. There should be one Adult or Junior Leader assigned to each group. *(Group Leaders may have the opportunity to lead kids to Christ, clear up misunderstandings or help the group remember the diagrams. You are important team members!)*

Ask various questions like:

- What did you learn from Shaker the Baker and what he taught us?
- What did you learn from Salt Lick the Cowboy's story about Saul?
- What did you learn from Flavair as he drew the diagram?
- Point to where are you on this diagram. Have you done your part by asking Jesus for forgiveness or are you still in the line of Adam?
- If you are still in the line of Adam, would you like to become God's friend today?
- Pray together: "Jesus, I am a sinner and Your enemy. I know that my good behavior won't save me. I believe that Your death on the cross is the only way for me to be forgiven and saved from death. I receive You into my life. Thank You for making me clean. I am now Your child and Your friend."
- Ask any other questions that seem appropriate to the lesson.



SHARING Phase of the "Cycle of Discipleship":

Encourage the children to practice the diagram in their Kid's Discipleship Journal with each other several times. Repetition is very important in the learning process.

Family Devotion Page: Before leaving, hand out the Family Devotions Page. Encourage each child to spend some time with their parents or guardians showing them what they discovered during the lesson today.

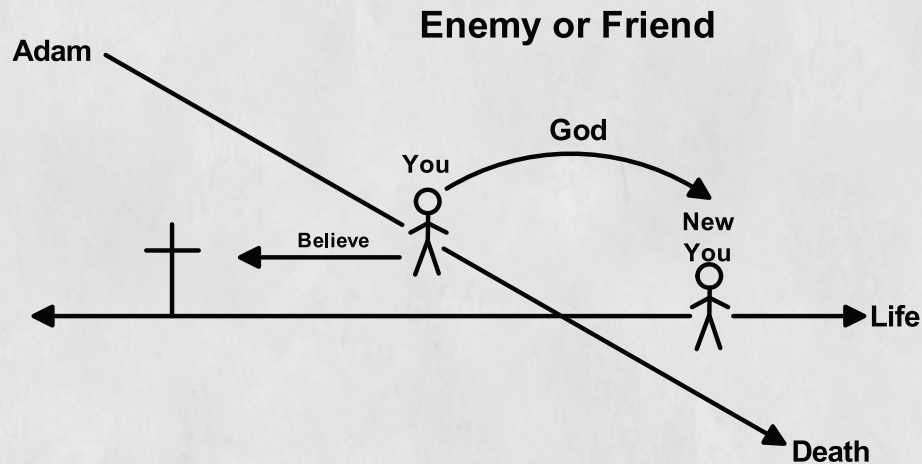
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SALT Family Devotions

You will enjoy your family and grow closer to the Lord when you make time for family devotions.

Talk about this diagram: Have children share what they remember.



Read Lesson Overview: Sin was passed down to you from Adam which makes you God's enemy. Death is in your future. When you do your part (believing Jesus Christ's death on the cross paid for your sin and you receive Him into your life), God does His part and moves you into Christ's line. Now that you are in Christ, you are completely new. You have a new identity – child of God and **friend of God**. You have a new future and a new past.

A SIMPLE PLAN

The **Diagram**

Talking about the SALT diagram gives children an opportunity to share what they learned with their parents.

The **Lesson**

Reading the Lesson Overview helps children remember the lesson.

The **Discussion**

Discussing the lesson as a family helps children understand the lesson.

The **Scripture**

Talking about the Bible verses helps children make application.

The **Prayer**

Praying together helps children know God better.

Have you made the choice to believe Jesus took the punishment for your sins? If yes, when did you ask Him?

If no, you could pray the following prayer now as a family.

Prayer: *"Jesus, I am a sinner. I know that my good behavior won't save me. I believe that Your death on the cross is the only way for me to be forgiven and saved from death. I receive You into my life. Thank you for making me Your child and Your friend."*

What do you like best about being God's child and His friend?

Read the following verse. Have family members share what it means to him/her.

*"For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his **enemies**, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us **friends** of God." **Romans 5:10–11** (NLT)*



Pray together as a family. (For example — Tell God about any sin that you haven't confessed yet and thank Him for forgiveness. Thank God for making you His child and His friend.)