

## **Bible2School CBA Cross**

### **What are the CBAs?**

The CBAs (Confess, Believe, Ask) are an opportunity for the children to confess their sins, repent, and express their faith in Jesus Christ (John 3:16).

### **What is salvation?**

Salvation is entirely a work of God, based on the shedding of the blood of Christ on the cross at Calvary. He needs no help, nor asks for any help from man. When God so chooses, for His glory and according to His will, He regenerates the heart and gives the Holy Spirit to His elect people, allowing them to have faith in Him and produce fruit (Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8-9).

And yet while all of the above is true, one of the great beauties about the mystery of salvation is that God allows us to participate in it. His regenerative work in our hearts causes us to freely choose Him upon His call. Therefore, our confession of sins, repentance, and expression of faith in Jesus Christ occurs with our mouth after our hearts are regenerated by the Holy Spirit (1 John 1:9, Romans 10:9-10).

### **What are the CBAs not?**

Because salvation is a work of God, there are no magic words that save us. Therefore, saying the CBAs does not save anyone. Rather, we hope that it is an outward expression of the work God has already done in the heart (Romans 10:9-10, Acts 2:21).

### **What do I do if the child has already said the CBAs?**

The CBAs are a great confession of our faith at any time. If a child has already said the CBAs, encourage them to continually confess, repent, and express their faith in Jesus Christ as this is something all believers do for their entire life.

### **How to Use the CBA Cross:**

1. Print the CBA as a two-sided document.
2. Fold the CBA cross into a square: With the heart facing you, fold in the A, B, then C flaps. Fold up the prayer (two folds). You now have a square.
3. Show the question, 'How does God give me faith?' and say, "The Bible tells us a lot about how God gives us faith. We're going to use the acronym CBA to help us remember the important parts."
4. Open to show the 'C.' Open the 'C' flap and say, "C stands for Confess. Everyone needs to confess that you have sinned and made bad choices."
5. Open the 'B' flap and say, "B stands for Believe. Believe that Jesus died for the forgiveness of your sins."
6. Open the 'A' flap and say, "A stands for Ask. Ask God to forgive your sins and ask Him to be part of your life forever."
7. Read John 3:16 (in the heart). Take a few minutes to explain the concept of salvation further if clarification is needed and answer any questions the children might have.
8. Open the prayer flap to reveal the prayer (and the cross made when the visual is fully open!). Lead the children in prayer, encouraging them to pray with you if they'd like to affirm their decision to follow Jesus.

**B**

**A**



**C**

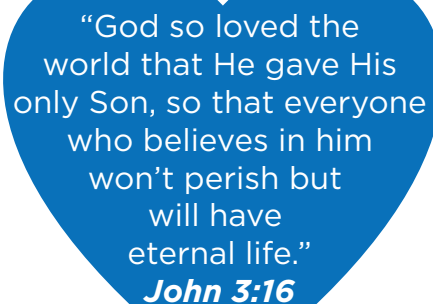
How does  
God  
give me  
faith?

## **Believe**

Believe that  
Jesus died for the  
forgiveness of  
your sins.

## **Confess**

Confess that  
you have  
sinned and  
made bad  
choices.



“God so loved the  
world that He gave His  
only Son, so that everyone  
who believes in him  
won’t perish but  
will have  
eternal life.”  
*John 3:16*

## **Ask**

Ask God to  
forgive your  
sins and ask  
Him to be  
part of your  
life forever.

## **Pray**

“Dear God,  
I’m sorry for  
my sins.

I believe  
Jesus died on  
the cross for  
the forgiveness  
of my sins.

I want to  
follow you.

Please forgive me  
and be a part of  
my life forever.”