

Children's Church  
or  
Sunday School  
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BIBLE DOCTRINE  
**ETERNAL SECURITY**

Objects to have: Make a heart out of white poster board. Put an opening in the top of the heart. Have a card the same width as the opening in the heart, so it may slip into the heart. Make that card longer than the depth of that heart so about two inches of the card sticks out of the top of the heart. On the top of the card print, in bold letters, JESUS. Have a picture of your home.

Introduction to the lesson: I have asked Jesus to come into my heart. I am on my way to Heaven. Jesus took all my sins away when I asked him to save me. Look at me. You see a person who has no sin. God is now my daddy. Heaven is now my eternal home. See this picture? It is the home I live in right now. One day I will close my eyes in death, my life here will be over. When that happens I will not be dead. I will have just moved to my new home, Heaven. Because I am saved and Jesus is in my heart, no matter what happens I am going to go to Heaven when I leave this earth in death.

The soldiers had just whipped Jesus with a whip called a cat-o-nine tail. It was very painful. There were many deep cuts. Jesus was bleeding very badly. A number of soldiers pulled a big heavy cross across the court yard. "Pick up that cross." One of them yelled. Slowly and carefully Jesus picks up this very large and heavy cross. While the blood kept running from his body, he carried his cross without saying a word.

Up that big hill called Calvary, he carried it. One pain filled step after another. When Jesus reached the top of the hill, he could see the crowd of people standing around two crosses. On those crosses were two criminals. They were paying for the crimes they had done. Jesus had committed no crime. He had done no wrong.

The people were shouting at Jesus, calling him many bad names. As he drug that cross past some people, they spit on him. Oh, how it burned as the spit ran into those deep cuts. Blood was running into Jesus eyes from the crown of thorns the soldiers had pushed into his head. He arrived at the place where the other crosses were. The soldiers took the cross off the back of Jesus. They laid the cross on the ground, then tore the clothing off Jesus. They threw him down on the cross, pulling his arms to the edges of the cross. With a big hammer, beat the nails through his hands into the cross. All through this Jesus never said a word. Oh, the pain was very, very bad.

Without wasting any time, the soldiers bent Jesus legs at the knees and drove nails through the feet of Jesus into the cross. They pulled the bottom of the cross to the opening of a very deep narrow hole. Many soldiers lifted the top of heavy cross as the bottom slid into that hole. As the cross went up suddenly it slid down the hole until it hit the bottom with a great thud!

In Psalm 22 it tells us how much that hurt Jesus. It felt as all his bones were ripped out of joint. It was as he was water and they poured him out. It burned with pain on the inside so much that it felt as his heart melted.

Jesus stayed on that cross in pain barely able to breathe for three hours. All this time people made fun of him. He became so thirsty it felt as his tongue was stuck to the roof of his mouth. When everything was just right, Jesus lifted up his voice and said, "It is finished!" "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost." He bowed his head and died.

When Jesus died he died for every sin we have ever done. Lets think of some sins Jesus died for. Lying, cheating, killing, stealing, disobeying mom or dad. You tell me some sins. Yes, cursing, and hitting or fighting with others, yes, selfishness, etc. (Have the kids help you). There is not one sin that Jesus forgot to die for. He got every one. Jesus paid for every sin we have ever done.

When you asked Jesus to come into your heart, he took away every sin you have ever done. He also forgave you for every sin you will ever do. Did Jesus miss dying for any sin? No, that is right he died for every one. Gone, gone, gone, gone yes my sins are gone. Our sins are completely gone when we ask Jesus to come into our hearts.

Lets look at a verse in the book of Hebrews. "...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5b. Listen to this word, NEVER. Do you know how long never is? It is forever. Jesus said, I will never leave you.

[Hold up that white heart you made]. When you and I asked Jesus to come into our heart, {slip that card with JESUS printed on it into the heart} he says, I will stay in you forever. How long will Jesus stay in our hearts? Right, for ever. He will never, never, ever leave you!!

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Boys and Girls, can God tell a lie? No, God could never tell a lie. If God could never tell a lie, then he must keep his promise never to leave our hearts.

One day you will sin again, maybe today. You might tell a lie. You might hit your brother or sister. You might disobey your mom or dad. You might get a spanking for doing something wrong at home. You get that spanking because you did something wrong, or you sinned.

Who is still in you heart? JESUS that is right! (Hold up the heart with Jesus in it for all to see). He will never leave you even if you sin. No matter what sin you do. Once Jesus is in your heart, he will never ever leave you.

Lets say you die at the old age of 40. From now to 40 you could do many sins. Who is still in you heart? Right, JESUS. Even when you are 40, Jesus is still in your heart.

Now watch this. Jesus came into your heart, or your soul when you got saved. (Put Jesus into the heart once again). Your heart, or your soul is inside you and we can not see it. (Place the heart inside your coat or someplace where it can not be seen). The very moment that we die, our heart, or our soul leaves our bodies. (Pull out the heart. Hold it upright with Jesus showing out of the top of the heart). Who is still in you heart? Jesus, right. Where does Jesus go? To Heaven. Guess who goes with him? Right, you because He is in your heart. Remember He will never leave you, even after you die.

If you died at the age of 100 years old, who is still in your heart? Jesus, right.

Let me ask you this. Can Jesus go to hell? NO, Jesus can not go to hell. He can only go to Heaven. Since Jesus can not go to hell, you can not either. Jesus is in your heart. He will be there forever. For you to go to hell, once you have asked Jesus to save you, Jesus would have to go with you.

If you sin while Jesus is in your heart, will Jesus leave you. NO! Why? Jesus promised to NEVER leave you.

How many times did Jesus die on the cross? Only one time. Then he died for all our sins. If Jesus died on the cross only one time, then how many times must we ask him to come into our hearts? One time, because he stays in our hearts forever.

If you died today, and Jesus is in you heart, where would you go? Right, to Heaven. Who would take you there? You, me or Jesus? JESUS, that is right! Because Jesus paid for your sins and he is in your heart.

If you died tomorrow, and you asked Jesus to come into your heart, where would you go? To Heaven or to Hell? Right, to Heaven! Who would take you there? You, me or Jesus? JESUS! Because Jesus is in your heart.

If you were to die 10 years from now, and you did much sin, but you have Jesus in you heart, where would you go? To Heaven, right. Who would take you to heaven? You, me or Jesus? JESUS, because Jesus is still in you heart 10 years from now.

Boys and girls you can never go to hell once you have asked Jesus into your heart. You are saved from hell FOREVER!!

Let's learn the verse Hebrews 13:5b "...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."