

# The Lowedown

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## The Good News Glove

For the last few years, Jen and I have been praying that our boys would be open to spiritual things and that we'd be able to talk to them more about God and Jesus.

Our spiritual conversations though have been limited. Last year, I had a conversation with Jacob at bedtime and he asked me if God was as big as a robot. It was a sweet bedtime moment but definitely not the norm.

Shortly after the boys entered pre-school last fall, they announced to us that they didn't like church because it wasn't as fun as pre-school.

Then one day, the boys had an assignment for class. They were asked to bring one item that somehow describes or depicts what daddy does for his job.

We decided that this would be a good opportunity to talk to them more in depth about daddy's job.

"What does daddy do?" we asked.

"You go on campus." was the reply.

"Yes, and he tells students about Jesus," we added.

Since daddy tells students about Jesus, we decided this would be a perfect opportunity to talk to them about what that means. So we pulled out a little booklet called "The Good News Glove" that is a tool for sharing with children how they can know Jesus personally.

We hoped that our little guys would be very curious and excited to read this little comic book about Jesus, but as we began sharing the book, it was obvious that they were not interested.

So we kept praying and looking for little opportunities to talk about Jesus.

About a month ago, our boys



Jacob (left) and Joshua, holding up their Good News Glove booklet

seemed to start asking more questions about God and Jesus.

Two weeks ago, Jacob asked Jen, "If I don't accept Jesus, will there be consequences?"

The boys know that certain actions will result in "consequences" which are usually not favorable to them, so Jacob was asking if anything bad would happen if he didn't accept Jesus.

Jen was able to share that by accepting Jesus, Jacob would get to spend eternity with Jesus in heaven and he would be with mommy and daddy too. If he didn't accept Jesus, he would not get to be with Jesus or mommy and daddy in heaven.

Jen then asked if he would like her to read through the Good News Glove booklet again to talk about how to know Jesus and go to heaven.

To our surprise, both Jacob and Joshua were eager to read the booklet.

This time, Jacob and Joshua's eyes were fixated on the pages as we talked about the different colors of the glove.

As we got to the end, both Jacob and Joshua announced that they wanted to be the circle where Jesus

was in their heart.

So together we bowed our heads and Jacob and Joshua, with their little hands clasped and their eyes closed, repeated the prayer that we read to them.

It was a very sweet moment for us as we have been praying for 5 years that our boys would grow up to know God.

Of course, as 5 year olds, our boys understanding of God, sin and the gospel message is somewhat basic. Our hope and prayer is, though, that the seed that has been planted within their hearts would grow and that they would develop more mature and sincere hearts of love for God and others.

Please pray for us as parents to have wisdom in raising our boys and that our lives and words would point them lovingly to Jesus.

Thanks so much for your prayers for us and for our family. We are very grateful to God for each of you who make it possible for us to serve the Lord full-time and to "go on campus to tell students about Jesus."