

As a young girl, I attended church regularly. I learned many wonderful songs and felt like church was a fun place to go. I heard stories about Bible characters and learned many lessons about right and wrong. It wasn't until my family became active in another church that I began to hear Biblical truths connected completely to God's son-Jesus.

I learned that He is the link between God and man. He made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could return to a complete relationship with God. I knew that I wanted to have such a relationship with Him. I made a personal profession of faith as a young teenager and prayed to God admitting that I was a sinner. I asked forgiveness of my sins and accepted Jesus as my Savior. I prayed for Jesus to come into my heart, committed to follow Him and was baptized. My goal is to be more like Him throughout my life.

As a mother, I know the importance of honoring God with my life as an example to my children. I will take this truth into the classroom as well, creating an environment where it is our priority to act as Christ's followers.

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