

## Salvation Socks

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**Summary:** Use different socks to help explain the way of salvation

Needed: 4 socks - 1 clean (#1), 1 dirty (#2), 1 full of holes (#3), 1 w/hearts (#4) all need to be dirty on the inside (except the dirty one, it should be clean on the inside) or have dirt in them



ALL: These 4 socks remind me of what it takes to get to heaven, to become a Christian.

#1: Let's start with this clean sock. It looks good, smells, good, right? Does that mean if we look, smell, or act good we'll be able to get to heaven?

No. Isaiah 64:6 tells us "our righteousness (the good things we do) are like filthy rags." (Turn sock inside out) - Just like this sock might look clean, it is still dirty.

# 3: This sock that is full of holes, or "holey". People think that by going to church, Sunday School (**Sabbath school**), Awana (**Adventurers, Pathfinders**) will get you into heaven. but Ephesians 2:8-9, tells us "For by grace you have been saved through faith and not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works that no one should boast. Just like living in a toy store doesn't make you a toy, going to church doesn't make you a Christian.

# 4: Look at the sock with the hearts on it. It says all the right words, "I love God, I'll be kind, I'll give you some money, I have a Bible." But again when we look at the inside, there is still sin there. So being good, going to church and saying all the right types of words won't get us into heaven. Do you think this last sock will show us the way. It's pretty dirty!

#2: It is a very dirty sock. I wouldn't want to wear that. It reminds me that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23. The dirt is like the sin in our lives that we all have. That's the first step; to realize that we are sinners. "Yes, this is a dirty sock" ; no matter how much I pretend that it isn't.

# 2: Next we need to realize that we can't remove the dirt or sin ourselves. (Try rubbing off the dirt) Just like we would use bleach to clean this sock, Jesus is our "dirt" remover! He took all the sin and it's punishment and placed it upon Himself and died in our place. (turn dirty sock to show it's now clean on the inside)

#2: Now you have to make a choice. You can be a dirty sock the rest of your life and live and die apart from God or you can trust in Jesus Christ alone and God will give you the gift of eternal life. Rom. 10:9 "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." If you have never prayed this prayer before you can do it now.

#2: Dear God, I know that I'm a sinner. I know that my sin deserves to be punished. I believe that Christ dies for me and rose from the grave. I trust Jesus Christ alone as my Savior. Thank you for the forgiveness and for everlasting life I now have. In Jesus' name, Amen. ( read also John 5:24)

ALL: Now the last question I have for you is: "Have you changed your socks?"