My name is Daniel Chen and I am a 6th-grade student at Carwise Middle. I grew up in a Christian family and I have heard a lot of Bible stories. I got confused and did not believe in God. When I was younger, I did quite a few bad things like making fun of my brother, telling lies, arguing and disobeying. My parents told me that even though they are saved. It does not mean that I am automatically will be saved because of them. This is a relationship between God and me. Therefore, I have been thinking about this question.

When I was reading the bible, I have learned that God has a plan for me. In Sunday school, I was touched by God's unconditional love for us. No matter how bad I am, God loves me so much and never give up on me, He forgives me so many times and chances to return to Him through Jesus Christ. That is why I love this verse John 3:16, "for God so loved the world that he gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." When Shi-mu asked who wants to accept Jesus Christ as a savior and be children of God. I raised my hand and willing to baptize quickly.

I am so blessed that I am in this middle school because I am attending a Club called "F.I.S.H", which is a group of Christian student gathering together every Friday morning for about 25 minutes. I really enjoy going to this fellowship because we read the bible and pray for one another. Then I start my day with God's nourishing and refreshing in my Spirit. In Mark 11:24, " therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." God is so real to me; He listened and answered to my prayer. Last month, we have a prayer request from my band teacher, Mr. Obara and we prayed about his beginning band that it could be more organized and less talking in class. After a few weeks later, the class got a lot of improvement that it was. I really experienced the Lord answering our prayer by calming down my classmates so we can have a better learning environment in our band class.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for loving us and die on the cross for us. It is God's mercy that I have been chosen me to become one of the members in God's Kingdom. I am very happy to know that I have been blessed from God.