

***SO, YOU WANT
TO GET BAPTIZED?***

***LET'S
CELEBRATE!***

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Using the word bank, fill in the blanks under each question. This will help you find your way through the Flow Chart on the next page to see if you're ready to be baptized!

WATER
FOLLOW
DEATH
OUTSIDE
INSIDE
SAVIOR
LEADER
RESURRECTION

WORD BANK

1. WHAT IS BAPTISM FOR?

Baptism represents or shows the power of Jesus' _____ and _____ on the cross.

God loves us so deeply, that he sent his only son, Jesus, to die so the rest of us could live. Why would he do this? Well, the consequence of making choices that hurt others and separate us from God is called sin. Sin is missing the mark. Sin separates us from God – at least until Jesus came and his death paid for everyone's misses. This is the most important thing that has ever happened in all of time! Baptism reminds us of what Jesus did for us. That we can know and follow God by receiving Jesus' grace that was made available to all of us on the cross. When we do, Jesus says we have new life.

2. WHY DOES SOMEONE GET BAPTIZED?

Baptism is a way to show on the _____ the love you have for Jesus on the _____.

It's kind of like wearing a friendship bracelet or your favorite team's jersey. You are showing how much you care about your friend or your team by wearing something so others can see it. Baptism is a way to show and tell others publicly that you have chosen to follow Jesus to the best of your ability for the rest of your life.

3. WHAT HAPPENS AT BAPTISM?

Baptism is a special ceremony with _____ for people who have chosen to _____ Jesus.

Baptisms can take place in pools, lake, rivers oceans, or any flowing water. There is someone from the church, usually a pastor or leader, at the baptism who asks the person getting baptized one question: "Who is your Savior?" If the persons can answer "Jesus" then that person is ready for baptism.

Next, this person will be invited by the pastor or leader to "walk through the waters of baptism" or to step into the baptism tub and get "dunked", where they can go all the way underwater and then come right back up. Then, all the people who are watching will cheer!

When you "walk the waters of baptism" it's a reminder that the old ways of my life have been washed away by the forgiveness of Jesus and how following Jesus is like walking into a new life. The water washing over us is a reminder of Jesus' grace cleaning up our sin.

When we get "dunked" it happens in a baptism pool. Going under the water is a picture of Jesus dying and being buried. Coming up from the water is a picture of Jesus coming back to life. This represents the same thing that happens in us when we receive Jesus' grace and follow him. We have a new way of life that never stops.

Each individual can choose the baptism way that means the most to them and represents their life and decision to follow Jesus.

4. WHEN SHOULD SOMEONE GET BAPTIZED?

You can get baptized anytime after you decide to follow Jesus as your _____ and _____.

One of the important things about baptism is that it is in front of others. So make sure that you let people like your family, friends and small group leaders know when you are going to be baptized. That way they can come to see the promise you are making to follow Jesus and celebrate the big decision you have made.

And, if there's someone who has been a big part of your decision to follow Jesus, you are welcome to invite them to walk alongside you as you walk the waters of baptism or to help dunk you in the baptism tub. The more the merrier!

SHOULD I GET BAPTIZED?

Let's find out together by working through this Flow Chart.

START HERE:

DO I WANT TO GET BAPTIZED?

YES!

NO, NOT REALLY.

HAVE I MADE THE CHOICE TO FOLLOW JESUS AS MY SAVIOR AND LEADER?

IT'S OK TO WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE READY.

YES! I AM A FOLLOWER OF JESUS.

NO NOT YET.

DO I UNDERSTAND WHAT A BAPTISM MEANS?

YES!

NOT REALLY.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO TALK TO YOUR PARENTS ABOUT BAPTISM.

HAVE I TALKED TO MY PARENTS ABOUT BEING BAPTIZED?

THEY SAID YES!

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE! HAVE A PARENT SIGN YOU UP!

GROWN-UP GUIDE

This guide gives you everything you need to walk through a baptism conversation with your child. Start with the QR code below for some additional resources you and your child can watch and read together.



1. RESOURCES TO GET YOU STARTED

Scan here!



- A. What is Baptism? Video
- B. Should I get Baptized Flow Chart
- C. Discuss with a Parent (Use Follow-Up Questions for Parents)
- D. Baptism Sign-up Link

2. TIPS FOR YOUR CONVERSATION

- ✨ **Use simple, kid-friendly language.** Use words they are already familiar with.
- ✨ **Ask lots of questions.** This helps you gauge where your kids are spiritually. Don't immediately guide them to a correct answer, instead try more clarifying questions. You want to see what they are thinking, not tell them what to think.
- ✨ **Encourage their questions.** You don't need to have all the answers. If you don't know, don't make up something! Be honest and tell your kids that you can look for the answer together.
- ✨ **Use the Baptism Flow Chart.** The Flow Chart, found inside, has instructions to help guide your kids to the decision that right for them. Don't push them if they aren't quite ready yet or don't seem to fully understand.
- ✨ **Don't forget to CELEBRATE!** If your kid does make the decision to be baptized, make it special and memorable. Give a big hug, take a picture, eat a special dessert, call the family to share the news, do a happy dance around the kitchen, and throw some confetti!

3. QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CONVERSATION:

- ✨ Can you tell me what happens during baptism?
- ✨ Have you ever seen someone get baptized?
- ✨ Do you know what baptism represents or shows?
- ✨ Why do you think people get baptized?
- ✨ Have you ever thought about getting baptized? Do you think you're ready?
- ✨ If you're ready, do you want to get dunked or walk the waters of baptism?

Tell your kids about when you were baptized and what that moment meant to you.

4. LET'S CELEBRATE!!

SCAN THE CODE at the top of the page to sign-up your kid for baptism. If you don't sign-up, not a problem, just show up on baptism weekend as we'll have open baptisms for anyone ready to step into the waters of baptism. Don't worry, either way, we'll have a team to walk alongside you and your student through the entire experience.

