

BAPTISM PARENT GUIDE

START HERE.



JUST FOR PARENTS

What an honor it is to introduce your child to Jesus and see them take their first steps on the life-changing adventure with him! Their most important decision is making Jesus their Friend Forever. If you haven't yet, join us for a Start Here experience to begin a conversation about following Jesus.

Set aside plenty of time to review this content. Some questions may be review and others may be new for your child. Your loving instruction is helping them build a strong foundation of faith.

Here are some quick things to keep in mind:

- Baptism is not required for salvation. Instead, it is symbolic of the saving work that has already taken place by placing your faith in Jesus.
- Baptism is a step of obedience. Jesus was baptized and he asks us to do the same to represent our commitment to him.
- Children should be able to articulate their trust in Jesus before getting baptized. Use this resource to guide that conversation with your child.
- When your child is ready to be baptized, we encourage you to invite family and friends to the baptism celebration. In addition, consider gifting your child with something special to mark this significant step on their Spiritual Journey.

SALVATION

“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.” John 3:16, NIRV

GOD LOVED

- Who does God love?
- What is sin?
- Have you ever sinned? When?
- What is the problem with sin?

GOD GAVE

- What did God give us?
- Why did God give this gift?
- What did Jesus do for us?

WE BELIEVE

- What does it mean to believe in something?
- What do you believe about Jesus?
- How can you show God what you believe?
- Have you told God that you believe in Jesus and what he did for you? If so, tell me about that. Where were you? Who were you with? What did you say?

WE RECEIVE

- When you believe in Jesus, what gift do you receive?
- What does it mean to receive eternal life?
- What makes you most excited about Jesus being your Friend Forever?

BAPTISM

After you've asked Jesus to be your Friend Forever – it's time to get baptized! We obey God by getting baptized. Jesus was baptized and he wants us to follow his example. (Matthew 28:19)

WE SHOW

God wants us to show others that we have made a decision to put our trust in Jesus. One way we can do that is by getting baptized in water. Have you ever seen anyone get baptized? **WHAT ARE WE SHOWING OTHERS WHEN WE GET BAPTIZED?** Baptism shows that we believe what Jesus did for us. When you stand in the water and lay back, you are showing everyone that you believe Jesus died. When you come back out of the water you are showing everyone you believe he rose again. Just like a name tag shows everyone your name, baptism shows everyone that Jesus is your Friend Forever! (Romans 6:4)

WE SHINE

You now have a relationship with Jesus. He wants us to shine his love to everyone – to love people like he loved, to treat others the way he did, and to make wise choices. We should live our lives and interact with others in a way that shines and shows others what we believe. **WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO SHINE BRIGHTLY FOR JESUS?** We hope that others will see all that Jesus has done for us and want to follow him too.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Welcome to this life-changing adventure with Jesus! If you are ready to be baptized, connect with a staff member, who would love to walk you through the process.