

PARENT/CHILD BAPTISM WORKSHOP

This workshop was created for parents and children, ages 8-11.

WHAT IS WATER BAPTISM?

Water baptism is an important step in your spiritual journey after you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

What Baptism Means

- **Public Declaration:** Baptism is a way to share publicly that you believe in Jesus and want to follow Him.
- **Represents New Life:** Going into the water symbolizes the old life being washed away and coming up from the water symbolizes starting a fresh new life with Jesus.
- **Following Jesus' Example:** Jesus himself was baptized. The standard he set serves as an example for us.

Jesus was baptized and came up out of the water. Heaven opened, and he saw God's Spirit coming down on him like a dove. And a voice spoke from heaven. The voice said, "This is my Son and I love him. I am very pleased with him." – Matthew 3:16-17 ICB

Things to Consider Before Baptism

- Baptism is done by immersion in water.
- Baptism is for those who have consciously decided to submit their lives to Jesus.
- You should understand the significance of baptism before you get baptized.

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

Consider the following scripture:

*“So go and make followers of all people in the world. **Baptize** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach them to obey everything that I have told you. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of the world.” – Matthew 28:19-20 ICB*

Baptism Means

1. Baptism is an outward sign of my decision to follow Jesus.
2. In Acts 2:38-41, Peter says, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”

Baptism Does Not Mean

1. Baptism does not make you saved, but it is a sign that you want to live for Jesus.
2. It’s not about being perfect but about making a commitment to follow Jesus.

THE BAPTISM EXPERIENCE

When you get baptized, you are making the following declarations:

DECLARE

I declare my allegiance to Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
I am leaving behind my old ways as I go down into the water.

JESUS CHRIST

I associate myself with Jesus Christ and want to follow Him.
Through baptism, I publicly show others that I belong to Jesus.

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I want to yield myself to Jesus fully. I am committed to knowing, loving, and obeying Him—this is my commitment.

NEXT STEPS

Parents, please complete the following steps with your children as you consider and prepare for water baptism.

- **Reflect:** Read the scriptures together and discuss what baptism means. Complete the journal section below, reflecting on the decision.
- **Talk About It:** Use the questions below to guide family conversations and prepare spiritually for the moment.
- **Journal:** Write down or discuss your thoughts on baptism.

Ask yourself the following questions:

1. Have you decided to follow Jesus?
2. How does baptism show that you are a new person in Christ?
3. What does it mean to you to go public with your faith?

Write a prayer asking God to help you follow Him wholeheartedly as you prepare for baptism. (Example: *"Jesus thank you for loving me and forgiving my sins. Help me to live for You and follow Your example. Amen."*)

Is my child ready to be water baptized?

The Bible calls us to baptism in a clear sequence. Jesus tells us to *repent* and *be baptized* (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16). Make sure your child has believed and received Jesus before making the decision to be water baptized. If you don't feel your child understands what it means to be water baptized, it's appropriate to wait. During this time, let your child observe water baptism and talk to them about what it means. We would love for you to read through the Water Baptism Devotional with your child and spur them on in their personal relationship with Jesus.

Ready to register?

Baptism is an exciting milestone in your journey with Jesus! It is a step of faith, showing you are ready to publicly declare your allegiance to Jesus. It is also the beginning of a new chapter in your spiritual walk, so get ready for what God has planned for you!

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