



BAPTISM DISCUSSION GUIDE

A RESOURCE FOR YOU

OVERVIEW

We all love when kids start asking questions about baptism and who Jesus is. Kids of all ages begin asking questions about baptism for many different reasons. Asking follow-up questions will help you determine if your child is just curious about baptism or if they have made a conscious decision to follow Jesus and they are ready to take the next step of being baptized.

This resource is intended for you, parents as a guide to talk to your child about his/her faith journey. This is not a checklist or a test. It is important to remember that baptism is the first step after salvation for everyone, kids included. But it's possible your child might not be ready. And that's okay! It's always better to wait than to pressure children to take a step they don't fully understand. In the end, the decision to get water baptized is one that the child should make following prayer, discussion and understanding.

"That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus."
Romans 6:3b-4 (MSG)



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WHAT TO SAY

1 ASK QUESTIONS

- Can you tell me who Jesus is? What did He do for you? (John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10)
- Why do we need forgiveness? (Romans 3:23, Ecclesiastes 7:20)
- Have you asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior? (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- How is your life different with Jesus in it?
- Why do you want to get baptized?

2 EXPLAIN BAPTISM

- Baptism is an outward declaration of the decision you have made to surrender your heart to Jesus. It is a significant moment that will serve as a reminder that the old is gone, and that God has saved you and will be faithful to continue what He has started in your life. (Acts 16:31-34)
- Baptism takes place in the water. It's a picture of what Jesus did when He took the punishment for your sins. When you go under the water, it shows people that you believe Jesus died for you. When you come out of the water, you show others that you believe God brought Jesus back to life. (Romans 6:4)

3 LIVING A NEW LIFE

- Getting saved and then baptized doesn't mean your life will be perfect. There will be times when you will sin and make wrong choices. When this happens, pray and ask Jesus to forgive you. Jesus took the punishment for all our sin. That means even though you will sin again, you don't need to be saved or baptized again. (1 Peter 3:18-22)
- You can continue following Jesus day by day by reading the Bible, doing what Jesus says and praying every day. (Psalm 1:2)