



All About Baptism

A Discussion Guide
for Kids and Parents

A NOTE FOR PARENTS

When children begin to ask questions about baptism, it is a big deal! Parents not only get to watch their children grow in their relationship with Jesus up close, but they also get to take an important role in assisting them in grasping what baptism and following Jesus means.

The purpose of this booklet is to make it easier for you to engage your child in meaningful dialogue about the key things that God is doing in their lives. It includes explanations of important biblical truths, questions for you and your kid, and scriptures from the Bible that better explain the importance of baptism. You don't need to be an expert on the Bible to complete this, so don't worry!

You can find out if your child understands the significance of their decision to follow Jesus as you read through the booklet together. By the time it's over, you'll be able to see if they're prepared to take their next step and get baptized.

Deciding to follow Jesus and be baptized is an extremely personal decision, and there is no time limit on the growing and learning process! The most crucial thing to keep in mind is that you are your child's primary source of support and direction. With your child and with yourself, patience is essential. They might ask you questions for which you don't have the solutions. When in doubt, always turn to prayer and the Bible, and if you need assistance, get in touch with any staff member at our church.





Parents, keep the following in mind as you read this booklet:

Plan it!

Decide on a time each day when you and your child will read the booklet through. (For instance, just after dinner, before bed, in the morning, etc.) You'll be more likely to adhere to your schedule and avoid distractions if you use your time intentionally. Keep your time in check, but have fun while doing it!

Drive it!

With the aid of this booklet, you can teach your kid on the meaning of baptism and following Jesus in more detail. Lead your child into the readings and activities without being fearful, but make sure they are comprehending and interacting with the material in their own way.

Enjoy the ride!

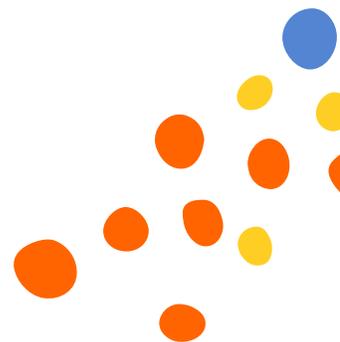
Take time to read verses and answer questions with your kids. Make use of this to establish prayer and Bible discussion as a regular part of your family's routine.

Maintain consistency!

In this book, there are four main sections. Some are more conversational, while others are more content- and reading-focused. If you need shorter sessions, try working through half a portion at a time instead of an entire section. Take it step-by-step rather than trying to read it all at once to avoid being overwhelmed.

Pray!

Ask the Lord to help you and your children have fun as you delve into God's word together!



PART ONE: THE BUILDING BLOCKS

Gospel Basics



What is the Gospel? The Gospel simply means Good news! It is the good news that God can save you!

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

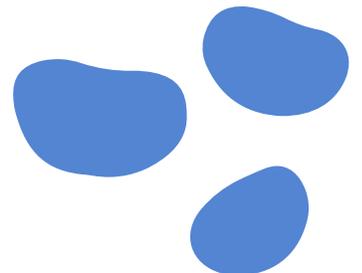
Romans 1:16



The Gospel is centered around Jesus. He came to this Earth, lived a perfect human life, was crucified on a cross, and rose again!

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve"

1 Cor 15:1-5



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Gospel Basics

Why do we need to be saved? We have all sinned, stolen, lied, hated, been jealous, and disobeyed God

" For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"
Romans 3:23



How do I get saved?

Salvation is a gift. That means you can't and do not earn it. Jesus lived a perfect life! He suffered on the cross and rose again to pay the price for our sins and offer us eternal life with Him.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
John 14:6

We are saved by faith in Jesus and what he has done.
For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9

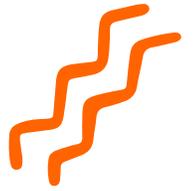
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
Acts 16:30-31



Part Two: Faith Gospel Basics

Our relationship with God is built on faith. When we have faith in Jesus, we believe He is who He says he is: the Son of God who sacrificed Himself for our sins and rose from the dead three days later! Paul explains the importance of faith in Ephesians 2:8-9:



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Faith is important because it is how we receive God's gift of salvation
For more about faith, check out John 3:16 and Acts 4:11-12.



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John 3:16

"This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Acts 4:11-12.

Questions to discuss

What are some things you believe in, even though you can't see them?

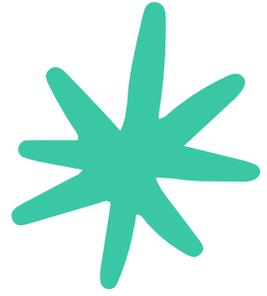
Why did Jesus die?

Do you believe Jesus is God's Son?



PART 3: FORGIVENESS

Gospel Basics



Even if we've already prayed to be saved, it can be hard to understand what we needed to be forgiven for. So, before deciding to follow Jesus, we must first grasp what sin is and why we need God's forgiveness.

The Bible defines sin as "anything we think, say, or do that disobeys God," and we've all sinned. Adam and Eve were the first to sin in Genesis 3, defying God by eating fruit from the forbidden tree. Everyone who has ever lived has sinned and needs God's forgiveness. God forgives our sins by grace, according to [Ephesians 1:7](#)

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace"
[Ephesians 1:7](#)

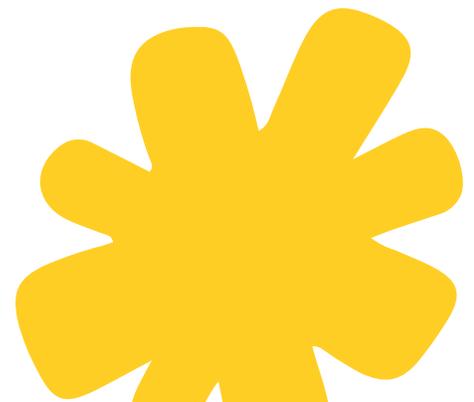


Grace: Undeserved favor

Our sin needs to be forgiven, which has been freely supplied to us by God's grace! See 1 John 1:9 for more on forgiveness.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[1 John 1:9](#)



PART 4: SALVATION Gospel Basics

Salvation and baptism are not the same thing. Salvation happens when we believe the Gospel, and Baptism is the public showing of that decision. Salvation occurs when you decide to accept Jesus as the Son of God, realize your need for Him as your Savior, and trust him to save you. You are a Christian from that time forward! Christians follow Jesus and Baptism is a way we can follow him.

[Romans 10:9](#) tells us how to be saved
That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

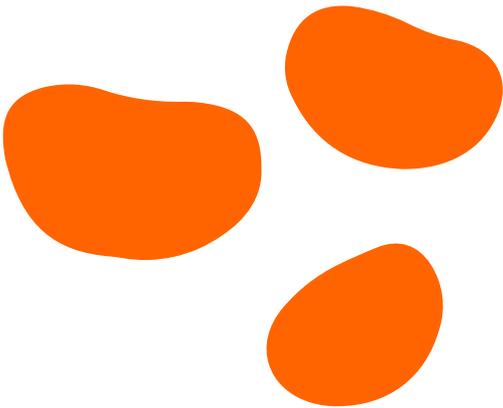
[Ephesians 4:32-5:2](#) tells us how to follow Jesus:

Choosing to follow Jesus means living a life that is in line with His example in the Bible. As Christians, we should strive to be like Jesus, but keep in mind that He is perfect and we are not yet! Even after becoming a Christian, you will make mistakes. The key thing is that we keep following Him, even when you make mistakes. Salvation is a one-time decision, but following Jesus is a daily decision!

For more on salvation, check out [Galatians 2:20](#) and [1 Peter 3:21](#).



Section 2 – BAPTISM



Baptism



Baptism is what we do to show everyone that we have chosen to follow Jesus. We obey the commandment Jesus gave His disciples when we are baptized.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen

Matthew 28:19-20

Baptism is like to drawing a picture that everyone can see. It shows Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, as well as our desire to follow Him. This is how

Romans 6:4 explains it:

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

When we stand in the water, it pictures Jesus dying on the cross for us. Going under the water represents Jesus being shut in the tomb after He died. And when we come from the water, it represents Jesus being risen from the grave on the third day.

When we are baptized, we are identified with Christ and show everyone that we are on God's "team". Imagine the following: Wearing a baseball cap, a school t-shirt, or your favorite sports team clothing shows that you support that team or school. So, by becoming baptized, you demonstrate to everyone that you are committed to following Jesus!



Baptism



Before you decide to be baptized think about and answer the following:



I believe Jesus is God's Son.
I know I am a sinner and need forgiveness.
I believe Jesus died on the cross to forgive my sins.
I have asked Jesus to forgive my sins.

If you can answer an honest "yes" to all of these questions then you're ready to be baptized!

PARENTS: If your child answered "no" to any sentence above, read through the verses on the following page together and discuss any questions your child still has. Check off the verses you've read as you work through them. The goal here isn't to rush into baptism, but to make a decision over time and with understanding.



