

Kids Baptism Guide

We are so excited that your child has expressed interest in being water baptized. Every child can have a personal relationship with Jesus, and we always encourage our lifeKids to make the decision to follow Jesus and take their next step in their faith walk. We advise parents to wait until their child is asking to be water baptized before exploring this step. This is an indication that they are ready to be baptized and that it will be a milestone on their path with Jesus. While children under the age of 8 can have a relationship with Jesus, they may not remember or understand the significance of getting baptized, so we encourage parents to wait and continue to help their child grow in their faith.

Your child may not be ready if...

You don't feel your child understands salvation or what it means to be water baptized. During this time, let your child observe water baptism, talk to them about it and allow them to ask questions.

Your child may be ready if...

Your child has invited Jesus into their heart and understands what it means to be water baptized. We would like for you to go through the baptism devotional with them and continue the baptism process.

Are they ready?

- **When did you decide to follow Jesus?**

Your child should have a specific memory of when he or she understood what Jesus did on the cross, invited Him into their life and received forgiveness for their sins.

- **What does it mean to be water baptized?**

It means I'm following Jesus and I want to show the world that my life has been changed. It's a reflection of what Jesus did inside of me.

- **Why do you want to be water baptized?**

Because Jesus told us to be baptized and because I want everyone to know that I am now a follower of Jesus.



If you believe your child is ready for baptism, we encourage you to go over this devotional with them.

OBEYING JESUS' COMMANDMENT

"So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."

MATTHEW 28:19-20 NRV

Being baptized in water is one of the first steps you take in following Jesus. When you make a decision to follow Jesus, that means you have decided to follow His example. Jesus was water baptized so we should be too. (MATTHEW 3:13-17)

A PICTURE OF WHAT HAPPENED INSIDE

"When you were baptized, you were buried together with Christ. And you were raised to life together with him when you were baptized. You were raised to life by believing in God's work. God himself raised Jesus from the dead." COLOSSIANS 2:12 NIRV

Water baptism is just a picture of what Jesus has done for you on the inside. Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and then was raised from the dead! When you go under the water, you show others that you that all your past sins are buried with Jesus. When you come out of the water, you are saying that Jesus has given you new life.

A DECISION OF FAITH

"By being baptized, we were buried with Christ into his death. Christ has been raised from the dead by the Father's glory. And like Christ we also can live a new life." ROMANS 6:4 NIRV

Water baptism does not save you; it is a public testimony of your decision to follow Jesus. Getting saved and baptized doesn't mean your life will be perfect. There will be times when you make mistakes or make the wrong choices. When this happens, pray and ask Jesus to forgive you. Jesus took the punishment for our sins. That means that even though you will sin again, you don't need to be saved and baptized again.

