

SALVATION & BAPTISM GUIDE

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Dear Parent,

We want to celebrate an exciting moment with you! Your child is beginning to ask meaningful questions about God, Jesus, and what it means to follow Him. These moments matter deeply, and we believe you are the most important voice in your child's faith journey.

In Compel Kids, we're helping children understand the big picture of God's love by starting with one powerful verse: **John 3:16**. This verse lays the foundation for what salvation means—God's love, Jesus' sacrifice, and our response of trust.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR CHILD?

Salvation is about trusting Jesus as Savior—not being perfect or “good enough.” When a child chooses to trust Jesus and what He did for them—dying and rising again—they begin a relationship with God that starts now and continues forever.



WHAT'S NEXT?

If your child has chosen to follow Jesus—or is beginning to explore what that means—here are some important next steps you can walk through together:

- **Talk to God together** – Prayer doesn't have to be fancy. Encourage honest, simple conversations with God.
- **Keep learning God's Word** – Read the Bible together and talk about what it shows us about God, His love, and how He wants us to live.
- **Have ongoing conversations** – Your child may ask big questions (and that's a good thing!). You don't need all the answers—just keep the conversation going.
- **Consider baptism** – Baptism is an important next step and a public way for your child to say, "I follow Jesus." If your child is interested or curious, we'd love to talk with you about what that looks like.

A FEW ENCOURAGING REMINDERS

- Faith is a journey, not a one-time moment.
- Kids grow best when church and parents partner together.
- It's okay if this journey brings up questions for you too—this can be a meaningful step for your whole family.

Thank you for trusting us with your child and for leading them spiritually at home. We are honored to walk alongside you!

*With gratitude,
Compel Kids*



Here is a

guide

that you can use to
talk to your child:



CAN YOU TELL ME WHO JESUS IS?

God's Son, the savior of the world.



WHAT DID HE DO FOR YOU?

Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins – the wrong things we have done and will ever do.



WHAT IS SIN?

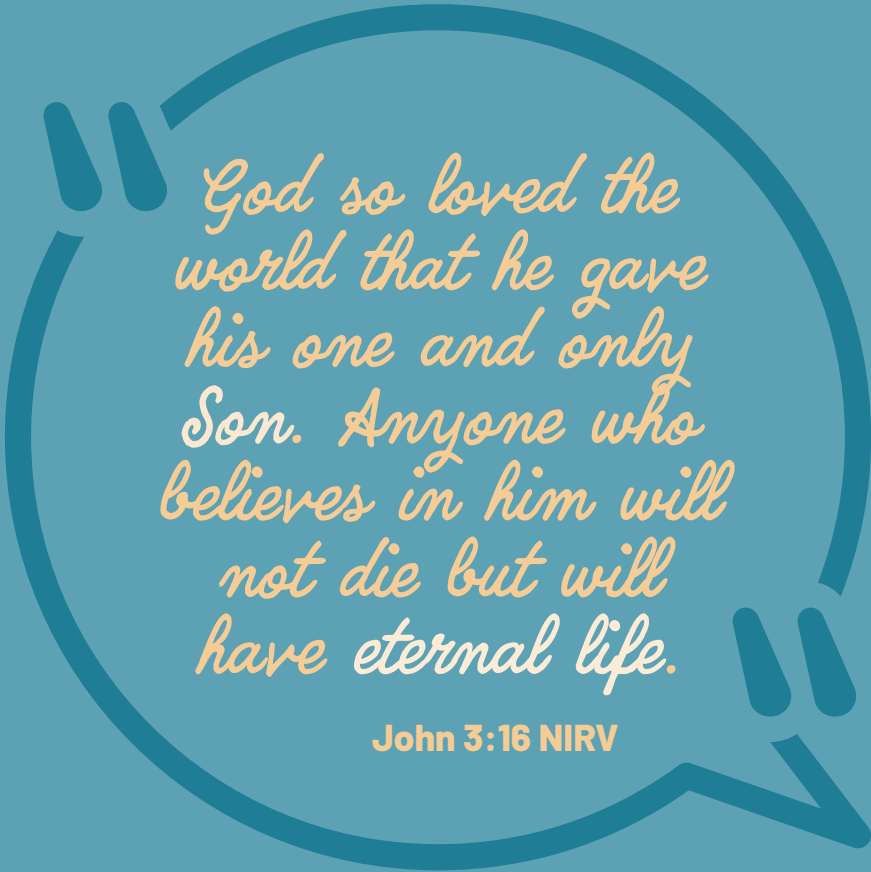
Sin is when we choose our way instead of God's way. For example: when we lie, cheat, talk bad about people, or be mean to others.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT JESUS TOOK OUR SINS?

God loves us despite the mistakes that we can make, and our sin keeps us from being with God forever. God gave us the gift of Jesus to take the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross in our place. Because of that, we can be forgiven and begin a relationship with God.

JESUS



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

Steps to **SALVATION**

➔ **ADMIT** to God that you are a Sinner. You have messed up and done wrong things.

➔ **BELIEVE** that Jesus is God's Son who died for our sins and came back to life.

➔ **COMMIT** your life to following Jesus.

Guide your child in

prayer

Reminder Parents - This prayer is meant to help children put their faith into words. The prayer itself isn't what saves us—salvation comes through trusting in Jesus. Prayer is simply a way you can express that trust and begin talking with God!

God, I know
you love me. I
admit I have done wrong
things, and I am truly sorry.
I believe in my heart that
Jesus, your son, died for me
and you brought Him back to
life. I commit to following you.
Jesus, you are my leader,
the Lord of my life!
Amen.

Now, let's share your great news of committing your life to follow Jesus by going public and getting baptized! Now that you've chosen to follow Jesus, the next step many believers take is baptism. This is a meaningful way to show others that you have chosen to give your life to Jesus. Take time to talk with your parents about what baptism means and when it might be the right step for you!

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

Baptism is a way we show others that we have chosen to follow Jesus and belong to Him. When you go down into the water, it reminds us that Jesus died and was buried. When you come up out of the water, it reminds us that Jesus came back to life. It also shows that we want to live a new life with Him. When you are baptized, we will celebrate with you by clapping and cheering you on!

WHAT NEXT?

Choosing to follow Jesus is such an exciting decision, and the best decision you'll ever make! You might want to celebrate by sharing the good news with your family and friends and talking with your parents about baptism. Try telling a few people about the amazing decision you made!

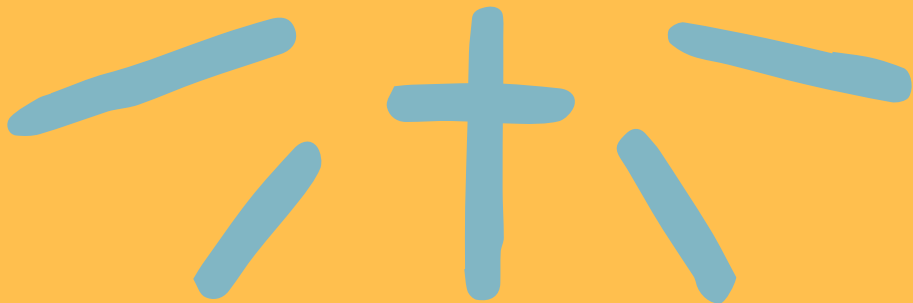




BAPTISM

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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 Compel Kids 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.

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.

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.

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 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.



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