



BAPTISM FOR KIDS

FOR KIDS INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED

FOR PARENTS:

Just like in the adult services, in the Epic Kid's Zone, we give opportunities for children to make a decision to follow Jesus as well as to take their first step of following Him by being baptized.

When a child asks to be baptized it's usually a good indication that they're ready and that it will be a spiritual milestone in their life. While children under the age of 5 can have a relationship with Jesus, we encourage parents to wait until they are confident their child understands the significance.

Here are a few questions to ask your child to help decide if they are ready:

1. Why do you want to be baptized?

Answers that indicate your child understands: *Because Jesus was and He tells us to also; Because I'm a friend of Jesus and I want to follow Him.*

2. What does it mean to be baptized?

Answers that indicate your child understands: *It means I'm following Jesus; It means I'm a Christian and I want to show the world; It's a picture of what Jesus has done inside of me.*

3. When did you decide to follow Jesus and become His friend?

Answers that indicate your child understands: *Your child should have a specific memory of when they understood what Jesus did for them. It may have been at church, at home or even alone.*

IF YOUR CHILD IS READY:

If you feel your child understands what it means to be baptized, then go through the devotionals on the following pages with your children, which explains in more detail about what baptism is.

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT READY:

If you don't feel your child understands what it means to be baptized, it's totally fine to wait. During this time, let your child observe baptisms and talk to them about what it means.



BAPTISM DEVOTIONALS FOR KIDS:

Devotion #1: 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

Being baptized in water is one of the first steps you take in following Jesus. A friend of Jesus does not just learn about Jesus, but follows Jesus and does the things He did. The number one reason you should get baptized in water is because Jesus did and He told us to also.

Read now in your Bible about Jesus' baptism in Matthew 3:13-17.

Question: What is the number one reason why you should be baptized?

Devotion #2: An Outward Picture

When you were baptized, you were buried together with Him. You were raised to life together with him by believing in God's power. God raised Jesus from the dead. - Colossians 2:12

Jesus died for your sins, was buried, and then was raised from the dead. That's why you go all the way under the water when you're baptized. You're showing people that all your past sins (the bad things you do) are buried with Jesus. When you come up out of the water, you are saying Jesus has given you new life. Everyone sees the picture of the change that has taken place in your heart.

Baptism is just an outward picture of what Jesus has done for you on the inside. Like a wedding ring shows that people are married, baptism shows others that you belong to Jesus and will follow Him forever.

Question: What is water baptism a picture of?



BAPTISM DEVOTIONALS CONTINUED:

Devotion #3: A Decision of Faith

By being baptized, we were buried with Christ (Jesus) into His death. Christ (Jesus) has been raised from the dead by the Father's glory. And like Christ (Jesus) we can also live a new life. - Romans 6:4

Water baptism has no purpose or meaning until after a person has decided to follow Jesus and invited Jesus into their heart and life. But water baptism is a very important 1st step in your new Christian life. When you've decided to follow Jesus, you made a decision of faith to receive Him into your heart. When you are baptized in water, you are making a decision of faith to follow Jesus forever. Your water baptism will always be a reminder of your decision to follow Jesus.

Question: When you are baptized in water, it means you have made a decision of faith to do what?

WAYS TO SIGN-UP FOR BAPTISM:

1. Online @ epiclifetchurch.com/baptism
2. During a Service on a Connection Card
3. Talking to the ELC Kid's director or Your Child's Classroom Leader

Once you sign-up, a baptism team member will contact you with all the details about when the next baptism is, what time to show up, what to wear and what to bring.



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