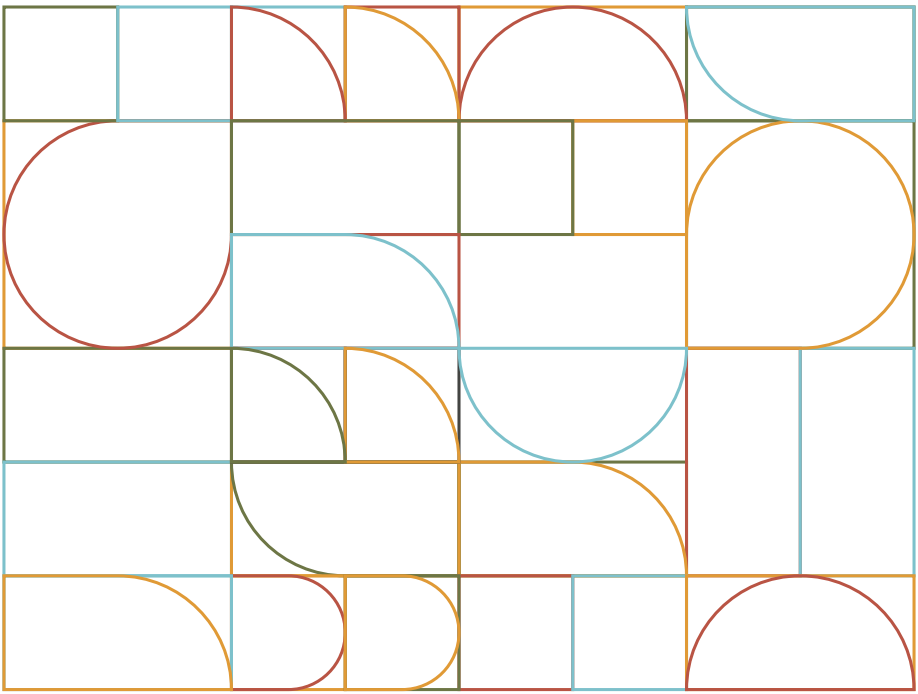
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Baptism Workbook

A guide for parents to talk to their kids about baptism



How to get started

It is exciting that your child is beginning to ask questions about baptism! We want to help guide the conversation as you prepare yourself and your child for this decision.

If you haven't already, make sure you go through the City Kids Guide to Faith workbook. This is a great resource to help your child understand who Jesus is, what it means to follow Him, and what it means to accept the free gift of salvation.

You are the most important spiritual influence in your child's life! Use this workbook as a tool to help you start the conversation about baptism. If your child is at least 8 years old, has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and is ready to be baptized, check out the last page of this workbook for your next steps.

If you have any questions about salvation or baptism, please email our Kids Pastor, Janelle Delagrange, at ***janelle@forthecity.com****.*

Parent prep

Baptism is an important moment in your child's faith. We want to prepare you for the discussion you will have with your child, so look over these verses to review what the Bible has to say about baptism.

Jesus was baptized

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

MATTHEW 3:13-15

Jesus told us to baptize his followers

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

MATTHEW 28:18-20

Parent prep

Baptism is a symbol of entering into the death and resurrection of Jesus

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized in his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

ROMANS 6:2-4

Baptism is an outward sign of an inward commitment of faith

But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

ACTS 8:12

Talking about baptism

It can be tough to know where to start with a topic like baptism. Here are a few ways you can start the conversation to better understand your child's faith and readiness

Ask questions

Instead of jumping right into teaching, you can start by understanding where your child is spiritually. This helps you gauge their understanding and readiness while also allowing space for open, meaningful conversation.

HERE ARE A FEW QUESTIONS:

- What do you believe about Jesus?
- Why do you think baptism is important?
- What does following Jesus mean to you?
- What questions do you still have?

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Explain baptism

It's important to explain what baptism ***is*** and what it ***isn't*** so your child clearly understands what they're choosing to do.

SOME KEY CONCEPTS:

- **It is a symbol.** When you go under the water, it's a picture of washing off your old life. When you come up out of the water, it's a picture of you rising up new and clean, allowing Jesus to be the leader of your life (Romans 6:4).
- **It doesn't save us.** Faith in Jesus alone saves. There is no work we can do to earn salvation, including baptism (Ephesians 2:8).
- **It is an act of obedience.** Jesus was baptized (Matthew 3:13-17), and He calls His followers to do the same (Matthew 28:19-20).

See if they're ready

Every child is on their own faith journey. If you have taken them through the City Kids Guide to Faith, your child understands the Gospel, and they have placed their faith in Jesus, they are ready! If your child is unsure, remind them that it is okay to wait and to keep the conversation going.

SIGNS THEY MAY BE READY:

- Your child can clearly explain their faith in Jesus.
- They understand baptism is about obedience, not salvation.
- They desire to take this next step without pressure.

Your story

Use this page to share the story of your faith and why you want to take the next step and get baptized.

Why do you want to be baptized?

Who do you believe Jesus is?

What does it mean to be saved?

How did you start following Jesus?

Take the next step

If your child is ready for baptism, here's what to do next:

- Celebrate their decision! This is a big moment in their faith.
- Let them share their story. Use the journaling page in this workbook so they can write out their story and help them practice explaining why they want to be baptized.
- Sign up for baptism at **forthecity.com**.

Keep going!

Making the decision to follow Jesus and going all in with baptism are just the beginning! Keep guiding your child as they grow in their faith.