

Water Baptism Children's Workbook

So...You want to be baptized? This is a very important step in your relationship and commitment to Jesus. Please go through the following study with your mom or dad, read the Bible verses and answer the questions. To be baptized we ask that you talk over this decision with your parents as well as Pastor Michelle. Keep this booklet for our Water Baptism class.

Definition of Baptism

“Baptize” – means “to cover wholly with a fluid” Water Baptism is the total immersion (dunking in water) of a believer in Jesus, beneath the surface of water before being lifted out.

Look up these verses in your Bible:

- Acts 2:38
- Matthew 28:19
- Mark 16:15-16

After reading this, discuss with your mom or dad what you think baptism means and why you should be baptized according to these scriptures. We will also discuss this in our class. Write down what water baptism means to you.

Requirements of Baptism

- 1) You must have accepted Jesus into your heart as your personal Lord and Savior. (Acts 8:37, 16:31)
- 2) You must have faith in God. (Hebrews 11)
- 3) You must be willing to keep learning about Jesus and obey his teaching. (Acts 2:41-42)

Talk with your mom or dad right now and tell them when you first asked Jesus to come into your heart. What did that decision mean to you?

Symbols of Baptism

1. Making yourself clean and pure before God

Let's read these scriptures:

Psalm 51:7

Ezekiel 36:25

Acts 2:38

Acts 22:16

1 Corinthians 6:11

Titus 3:4-7

Hebrews 10:22

1 Peter 3:21

When you become a Christian you are a new person in Jesus. Water Baptism signifies that the old part of you (what you were like before Jesus came into your heart) had died, and that you now are living as a new person – because of the change Jesus has made in your life. Jesus has cleansed you and made you pure! Sometimes you will still want to do things that are not right, and you will be tempted – but with Jesus in your life he will help you say no to sinful things.

Talk with your parents and discuss ways in which you can say no to things that you know are wrong. How can Jesus help you in these situations?

2. Identifying with Jesus

Let's read Romans 6:1-14

Did you know that Jesus was baptized as well? When we get baptized we are identified with Jesus. It is a public declaration of our faith and love in Jesus – showing that we are following in his footsteps.

Read Matthew 28:19 – Baptism indicates to the world and to ourselves that we are a disciple and follower of Jesus!

Why do you want to be a follower of Jesus?

On the day of your baptism you will be asked to make a confession of faith – to tell everyone why you want to be baptized. This is a chance for you to tell people what Jesus has done in your life. To tell everyone how much you love Him! By sharing this, you will ENCOURAGE and EXCITE people!

Here are a few things you might want to share:

- *You can share why you want to be baptized
- *You can share what Jesus means to you
- *You can thank Jesus for some of the things he has done in your life
- *You can tell of someone special in your life that helped you learn about Jesus
- *A special Bible verse

The day you get baptized is a very special day. It is a day when you publicly declare that you are following Jesus and committing your life to Him! How exciting is that?!

We also believe that this is a very important opportunity for your parents to speak a blessing over you. We would like to ask your mom and dad to have something prepared to say right before you are baptized. They can share a scripture that they would like to bless you with, or just make a declaration over your life and your future! It will be very special!

We are so excited that you are taking this important step in your walk with God – as you discover and grow into God's purpose for your life!

Read Jeremiah 29:11 - That verse is for you!

Please fill out the following!

Sign here to indicate that you have done all the above work and are ready to be baptized after completion of our water baptism class.

Your Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Please have your parents or guardian sign below to indicate that you have their permission to be baptized and that they have gone over this booklet with you:

Signature of Parent/Gaurdian: _____

Date: _____

(In cases of joint custody or separation situations, both parents must sign this form in order for their child to be baptized. Feel free to talk to us about this if you have any questions/concerns)

Upon completion of this form and the water baptism class, we will give you more information regarding the baptism service.