

*Is your child ready  
to be baptized?*

*Have they talked about  
it or asked you questions?*

*This guide will help you as  
you discuss this important  
and exciting step in your  
child's walk with Jesus.*

# **BAPTISM**

*for Kids*

PARENT TIPS



YOU'VE INVITED JESUS  
TO COME INTO YOUR  
LIFE. YOU ARE FORGIVEN  
AND HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

Before your child is  
baptized, make sure  
they have first invited  
Jesus into their life.

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

THE BIBLE SAYS YOU  
SHOULD BE BAPTIZED.

Baptism is the  
first step Jesus  
asks us to take  
after we invite  
Him into our life.

Here's an example  
in the Bible of people  
who were baptized  
after they believed  
in Jesus.

*"Those who accepted his  
message were baptized."  
Acts 2:41*

## WHAT IS BAPTISM?

It's very important to help your child  
understand that baptism does not forgive  
your sins nor does it get you into heaven.  
Inviting Jesus into your life as your  
Forgiver, Leader, & Friend is what gives  
you eternal life.

all about.

It does not forgive your sins.

It does not give you eternal life.

We get baptized to show  
people we love Jesus. Share  
the wedding ring example with  
your child to help them  
understand this.



Baptism shows people you love Jesus.

*"If you love Me, keep My  
commandments."  
John 14:15*

# WHAT IS BAPTISM?



Baptism shows people you belong to Jesus.

*"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ like a garment."  
Galatians 3:27*

A diagram shows a blue cross standing in a body of water. A speech bubble points to the cross with the text: 'Standing in the water represents Jesus dying on the cross. See how it forms a cross?'. Another speech bubble points to the vertical bar of the cross with the text: 'You go down in the water like Jesus went down in the grave.' A third speech bubble points to the horizontal bar of the cross with the text: 'You come up out of the water like Jesus came up out of the grave.'

Standing in the water represents Jesus dying on the cross. See how it forms a cross?

You go down in the water like Jesus went down in the grave.

You come up out of the water like Jesus came up out of the grave.

Baptism shows people what Jesus has done for you.

*"For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with Him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, Who raised Christ from the dead."  
Colossians 2:12*



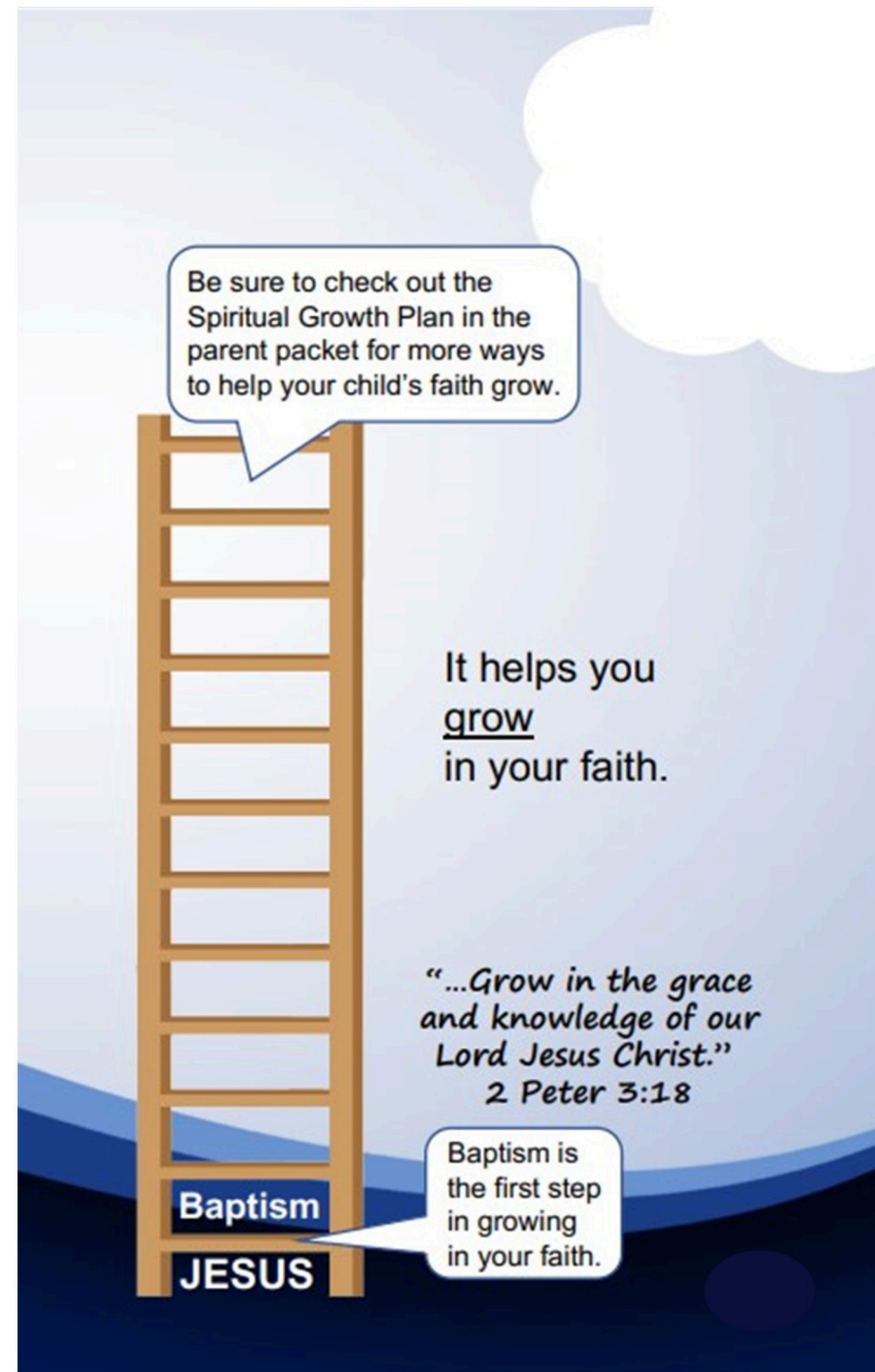
# WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

Jesus asks you to.

We get baptized to **OBEY** Him.

When you are baptized, you are obeying Jesus.

*"Jesus came and told His disciples, 'I have been given all authority in Heaven and on Earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit'."*  
*Matthew 28:18-19*





# WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as you are \_\_\_\_\_.

*"As they rode along they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?' He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him."*

*Acts 8:36-38*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- A. Renee was baptized as a baby. She's now 9 years old and has invited Jesus into her life. Should she be baptized? Why or why not?
- B. Terrance thinks if he is baptized his sins will be forgiven. Is he correct? Why or why not?
- C. What does baptism show people?
- D. How does baptism represent Jesus dying, being buried and rising again for you?
- E. How does being baptized help you grow in your faith?
- F. Carlos wants to be baptized because he saw his friend get baptized and he thinks it looks fun. Is this a good reason to be baptized? Why or why not?

### Answers:

- A. Yes. Believer's baptism happens after you're old enough to understand and have invited Jesus into your life.
- B. No. Baptism does not forgive your sins. Your sins are forgiven when you ask Jesus to come into your life.
- C. It shows you love Jesus and belong to Him.
- D. When you stand in the water, it makes the shape of a cross like Jesus died on. When you go under the water, it represents Jesus going down into the grave. When you come up out of the water, it represents Jesus rising from the dead.
- E. It's the first step of obedience as a follower of Jesus.
- F. No. Baptism is for people who have made a decision to follow Jesus.



# KIDS FAQ'S

## **Why do you go under the water when you are baptized?**

The word "baptize" means to go under. When Jesus was buried, His entire body went down in the grave and so we go all the way under the water to show this.

## **I'm nervous about being baptized. Is this normal?**

Yes. Some kids are nervous about people watching them or about going under the water. Just remember, Jesus will be with you and everyone there is cheering for you.

# GETTING READY FOR BAPTISM

When you are baptized, we'd like to give you the opportunity to tell people why you are being baptized. Write down what you're going to say on the "Why I'm getting baptized" card and bring it with you to your baptism. Here are some examples of things you can say:

I want to show people that Jesus came into my life.

I want to show people that Jesus is my Forgiver, Leader and Friend.

I want people to know that Jesus has forgiven my sins and I love Him.

Help your child write out why he/she is being baptized. There is a card in your parent packet for this.



# READY TO BE BAPTIZED?

We're here to help you take  
this important step in your  
journey with Jesus.

## PARENT FAQ'S

**MY CHILD WAS BAPTIZED AS A BABY.  
DOES HE/SHE NEED TO BE BAPTIZED NOW?**

YES. IN THE BIBLE, BELIEVER'S BAPTISM WAS ALWAYS FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE OLD ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND AND MAKE THEIR OWN DECISION ABOUT BEING BAPTIZED.

**HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS READY TO  
BE BAPTIZED?**

**HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO WATCH FOR...**

- YOUR CHILD HAS MADE A CLEAR DECISION TO INVITE JESUS INTO THEIR LIFE.
- YOUR CHILD HAS A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT BAPTISM MEANS. GO OVER THE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ON PAGE 8 WITH THEM.
- YOUR CHILD IS PERSISTENT IN BRINGING UP THE SUBJECT ON A REGULAR BASIS.
- YOUR CHILD FEELS THIS IS SOMETHING THEY NEED TO DO VS. SOMETHING THEY WANT TO DO. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.