

MY KID TOLD ME THEY WANTED TO GET BAPTIZED...WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?

We are so excited to hear that your kid has expressed interest in getting baptized!!

At Clayton Christian, we believe the most important decision you can ever make is accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior. With that, we want to make sure this decision is one that your child fully understands.

We believe that you have the biggest influence on your children's spiritual lives so we want to partner with you! We have created this guide to help you and your kid walk through this process together. If after going through this guide, you feel your child understands and is ready to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior and commit to continually pursuing a life with him, then you can schedule a time to meet with our Children's Minister, Holly.

Why do we need to get baptized?

Ask your kid why they want to get baptized.

Pay close attention to what your kids say. Their answer should reflect something that resembles wanting to make Jesus the King of their lives, or a statement of believing in Jesus and wanting to follow Him forever. When we get baptized we do so in response to understanding who Jesus is, what he did for us, and following Him.

Ask your kid what happened in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2-3).

Here we read that sin entered the world when Adam and Eve did not follow what God has instructed them to do. When that happened, they were **separated** from God. God, however, did not want to be separated from us and so began His redemptive plan!

Read Romans 3:23.

Ask your child, "What is sin?". Ask them to name a few of their sins. Discuss that we cannot do anything to save ourselves from our sins. We will never be perfect and we will always need help. Ask who is perfect and can help us. (Jesus!)



What happens when I get baptized?

Sin separated us from God. The only way back to God is through Jesus.

Read John 14:6.

How did Jesus save us from our sin?

Their answer should mention that he died on the cross. Explain that Jesus's death was a sacrifice. He took what we deserved. **Read John 3:16 and Ephesians 2:4-8**

Jesus' death on the cross was a gift from God to us. When we accept that gift, we do the following 3 things:

1. We admit that we sin and we need Jesus
2. We believe that God loves us and Jesus is God's son who died on the cross for us
3. We choose to follow Him for the rest of our lives.

Read Acts 2:41, Acts 8:12 and Acts 18:8

When these people in the Bible heard and believed that Jesus has saved them, then they were baptized.

Ask what happens when we choose to follow Jesus?

Our sins are forgiven! He becomes King of our lives. We can spend eternity with Him.

What happens after?

Once we accept Jesus as Savior of our lives and we have been baptized, we also receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Read John 14:26**

Ask what does the Holy Spirit do for us?

The Holy Spirit guides us! He reminds us what is written in God's word and helps us better understand God's heart. He also gives us the fruit of the Spirit. **Read Galatians 5:22-23.** With the help of the Holy Spirit, we share God's love with the whole world!

Why do I want to get baptized?

Have your child write a letter to their future self about why they want to get baptized. This can be such a sweet reminder to them as they grow further and further into their relationship with Jesus!

