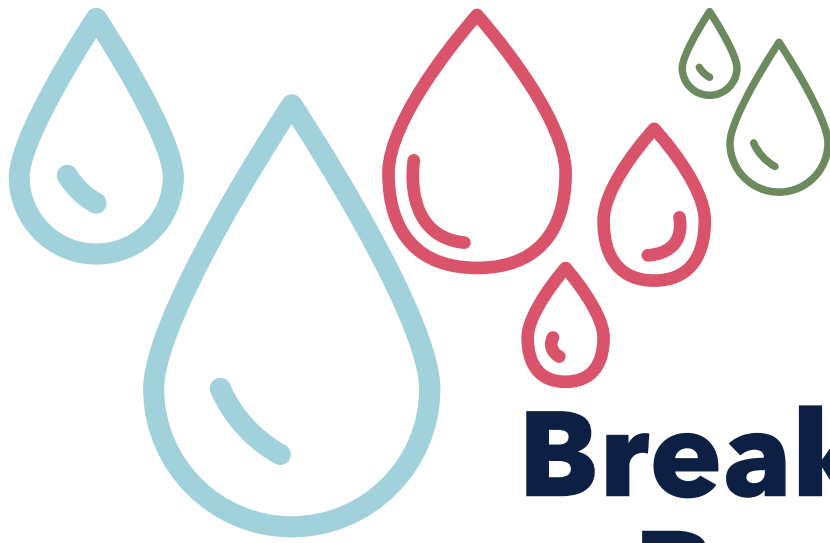




Breakaway Kids Baptism Guide

Parents,

We believe discipling your children is one of God's greatest callings on your life. As a church, we want to come alongside you, and offer support and direction when needed.

Baptism is an exciting and significant step in the life of a Jesus follower. We've created this resource as a tool to assist you in the process of leading your child through baptism. In it we will answer:

- ✧ What is baptism?
- ✧ Who should be baptized?
- ✧ How does someone accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior?
- ✧ How do I discern if my child is ready for baptism?
- ✧ What are the next steps in pursuing baptism for my child?



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

What is Baptism?

Baptism is identifying ourselves with Jesus. Through baptism we are publicly proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and raised to new life.

Why be Baptized?

Baptism is an outward sign of an inward faith.

Jesus told us to make disciples and baptize them. Matthew 28:18-20.

Jesus himself was baptized as an example of obedience for us to follow. Matthew 3:3-17

Who should be baptized?

Baptism is for believers who have accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.

In this public profession of faith, you move from a private follower of Jesus into a public disciple of the Lord.

Why Water?

The symbolism of Jesus's burial and resurrection is portrayed through water submersion.

As you are baptized, the person who performs the baptism will say: "buried with him in the likeness of his death" (as you go under the water) and "raised to walk in newness of life" (as you rise out of the water).

There is nothing magical about baptism. Baptism is not what saves us. It's simply an act of public profession and obedience.

"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 6:4



The old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17

How do you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

You must first **Admit** that you are a sinner and have fallen short of God's standard.

Romans 3:23

Secondly, you must **Believe** that Jesus is God's son and that he died on the cross for you sins and rose again.

John 3:16

Third, you must **Choose** to submit to God's leadership in your life, making him the King of your heart and leader of your life.

Romans 10:9

We call these the **Gospel ABCs**.

If your child is ready to accept Christ and isn't sure if they have already done so, we encourage you to pray with them and include these Gospel ABCs!

Sample Salvation Prayer

(for kids to repeat after you).

Father God in Heaven, I thank you for loving me.

I praise you because you are holy.

I admit that I am a sinner.

I have made bad choices that make you sad and I'm sorry.

I believe Jesus died on the cross to pay the punishment of sin and rose from the dead.

I believe that because Jesus rose from the dead, my sins are forgiven.

Thank you for forgiving all the bad things I've done and all the bad things I'll do in the future.

Holy Spirit please come in to my heart and make me the person you want me to be.

Thank you for saving me.

In Jesus's name I pray,
Amen.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:38



"Behold, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:5

How do I know if my child is ready to be baptized?

Young children who have been taught the Bible often find it easy to believe in Jesus. Additionally, children who have grown up attending Branch Kids have likely memorized the ABC's of Salvation.

However, a consciousness of one's sinful nature and consequently, a need to be saved, often develops later as a child becomes older.

While we don't want to invalidate or discourage the innocent faith of a child, we do want to emphasize the gravity of making a public profession of faith.

We encourage you to pray and consider your child's faith and whether or not baptism is their next step.

Once I decide my child is ready, how do I begin the process of pursuing baptism?

1) Have your child write out (or dictate to you) their testimony/ personal salvation story using our attached testimony worksheet guide.

2) Reach out to your children's director to set up an informal interview of parent and child, to determine the child's readiness for baptism. (Parents will ultimately make the call to move forward).

3) After confirming the decision to baptize your child, the children's director will send you a video script outline and schedule a date to record your child's testimonial video.

4) Upon completion of the testimonial video recording, the church will coordinate and schedule a date for your child's Sunday morning baptism.

Is recording a baptism testimony video required?

Baptism is a public profession of faith and testimony videos are a fantastic way to share a story of salvation with the church body. Sharing stories of salvation invites others to find encouragement and conviction in God's work.

Videos effectively capture a child's salvation experience in a manner that can be recalled and remembered for years to come.

However, they are **not** a requirement for baptism.

If parents prefer their child not record a testimony video, please talk with us to determine alternative arrangements.



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Your Name:

Do you Believe you are a sinner?
What are a couple sins you've committed?

How did Jesus pay for your sin?

Who did God send so you could be forgiven?

How do we know Jesus defeated death?

Why do you want to be baptized?

What does God promise to those who accept Jesus as their Savior?

What's different about you since accepting Christ as your savior?

Have you shared this story of Jesus with anyone?

GREAT JOB!
GIVE THIS TO
YOUR
PARENTS!