



# FIRST STEPS

A CLASS FOR KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS  
INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT  
BAPTISM



# So, you're considering baptism.....

## what's it all about anyways?



As Christians, we believe in the sacrament of baptism. We believe that all Christians should be baptized because Jesus clearly showed us through His own life on earth how we are to live. You may have some questions about baptism. We will hopefully answer those for you in our

time together!

*Some people believe that someone has to be baptized in order to get to heaven. Do we believe that?*

**No. We believe that a person should participate in baptism but that it's not necessary in order for one to be saved from their sins.**

*How often does a person receive baptism?* **A person should be baptized once.**

*Is baptism the same as when I was dedicated as a baby?*

**Baptism is different than baby dedication.**

*Who should be baptized?* **Only a person who has a growing relationship with Jesus should consider baptism.**

# What's it all mean? B.A.P.T.I.S.M.

**B**elieve. We believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. We believe that He took our place on the cross and when we enter into a relationship with Him, we receive cleansing of our sins. We believe that baptism allows us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. “Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.”  
(I Peter 1:21)



**A**ct of obedience: God's Word says that we should be baptized. One of the reasons that we choose to be baptized is because God's Word says we should! “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.”  
(Matthew 28:19)

**P**icture of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

*Death:* represented by us standing in the water

*Burial:* represented by us being submerged into the water

*Resurrection:* represented by us emerging from the water



“Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism not death in order that, just as Christ as raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”  
(Romans 6:3-4)

**T**aking it public. When we are baptized, we are saying to others that we have made a commitment to living for Jesus and doing all we can to be more like Him. Baptism is a celebration! Invite friends and family to celebrate alongside you. “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

(Acts 2:41)



**I**dentifies us as belonging to Christ. When you wear a certain team jersey people know that you're a fan of that team. When we are baptized, it's sort of like telling other people that you're on Jesus' team. We identify ourselves with Him. “Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.”

(Matthew 3:13)

**S**ymbol of what's inside our hearts. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward commitment. “And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.”

(Acts 22:16)



**M**oment that is sacred. A sacred moment means that it's special. If you're participating in the sacrament of communion, you are making a very grown up decision. To participate in a ceremony that is sacred is a big deal. This is something that you'll never forget. It marks one more step you've taken on your spiritual walk with Jesus.

“In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

(Romans 6:11)

## How about you?

Can you share about the time when you began a relationship with Jesus?



What are you doing to grow more like Him each day?

What does baptism mean to you?

Why do you want to be baptized?

These are the questions that will be asked of you during the ceremony:

1. Have you asked Jesus Christ to be your personal Lord and Savior?
2. Do you believe that He lives in your heart right now?

***Some things to remember:***

- Bring a towel
- Bring a change of clothes
- Remember that wet clothing is often clingy. Dress accordingly
- Invite your family and friends



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