



BAPTISM Guide for Kids



WHAT IS BAPTISM?

In Greek – *baptizo* means to:

We call this an “immersion” or “believer’s” baptism = going ALL the way under the water.



What if we only do things halfway?

- Half-bury a dead body? Half cross the street? Half brush our hair or teeth? Half do our homework?
- In our faith, we need to be all in. James 1:22 says to be Hearers and Doers of the Word

Baptism is a _____: an OUTWARD confession of an INWARD experience.

Just like a wedding ring symbolizes marriage or a sports jersey symbolizes the team you play on, baptism is your declaration that you are a friend and follower of Jesus.

WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Use these words to fill in the blanks:

HOLY, DISCIPLES, FATHER, NATIONS, SON, BAPTIZING, SPIRIT, ALL

“Therefore, go and make _____ of _____,

_____ them in the name of the _____ and of the _____

and of the _____.” Matthew 28:19

This means ANYONE who is a disciple of Jesus can be baptized!

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

(Read the verses and unscramble the letters below)

Matthew 3:13-17 _____ EENBOEDCI – Jesus did it, so should we

Acts 1:8 _____ MESOYTTIN – Telling everyone how much you love Jesus and why

1 Corinthians 12:13 _____ ETTIYNDI – Being baptized shows others that you belong to God’s family

What **DOESN’T** baptism do?

Ephesians 2:8-9 _____ ONT LVATASONI – It is our faith in Jesus and his grace that saves us

BAPTISM TELLS TWO STORIES

1. When we are baptized we connect ourselves to JESUS’ story (1 Corinthians 15:3-8).

Going under the water is a picture of Jesus being _____ in the tomb.

Coming out of the water is a picture of Jesus being _____ on the third day.

2. It also tells YOUR story of deserving death as the punishment of our sins (Romans 6:23), and of your choice to accept Christ’s sacrificial death for the forgiveness of your sins (John 3:16).

We choose to die to our _____ self and sin (Galatians 2:20), _____ them with Christ (Romans 6:4-11), and then be raised to _____ life in Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 5:17)!

BAPTISM IN THE EARLY CHURCH

Baptism always comes after TWO key actions: _____ and _____

Acts 2:37-41

Who? Peter & the crowd (3000 people)

What happened? Repent & be baptized

Acts 8:12-13

Who?

What happened?

Acts 16:31-34

Who?

What happened?

Acts 8:26-40

Who?

What happened?

Acts 19:1-6

Who?

What happened?

Acts 9:1-19; 22:8-16

Who?

What happened?

Acts 10:44-48

Who?

What happened?



TESTIMONY Planner



BAPTISM DATE:

WHO WILL BAPTIZE ME:

Before

What was my life like before I believed in Jesus and became his friend? Why did you want Jesus to be a part of your life?

Then

How and when did you receive Jesus as your Saviour and friend? (Who was with you, why then, how did you become a Christian?)

Now

What are some of the ways Jesus makes a difference in your life? (ie. Why do you trust in Him, or how does He help you when things are difficult, or good?)

Baptism

Why do you want to be baptized?

Tips For Your Baptism

- Don't wear white (it is see-through when it gets wet), but DO wear something you feel comfortable in
- Bring a change of clothes, a towel and a plastic bag for your wet clothes
- Plug your nose with one hand, and hold your forearm with the other hand, and bend your knees

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What is Baptism?

Greek – baptizo means to **PLUNGE, SUBMERGE, IMMERSE**

We call this an “immersion” or “believer’s” baptism because it is the choice of the person being baptized.

What if we only do things half-way?

- Half-bury a dead body? Half cross the street? Half brush our hair or teeth? Half do our homework?
- In our faith we need to be all in. James 1:22 – Hearers and Doers of the Word

PERSONALIZED EXAMPLE – of outward **CONFESSION** of an inward experience (team jersey, wedding, etc.)

Who Should Be Baptized?

“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

Why Should I Be Baptized?

OBEDIENCE

Jesus did it, so should we!

(Matthew 3:13-17 John tried to deter him BUT Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.)

TESTIMONY

Telling everyone how much you love Jesus and why.

(Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.)

IDENTITY

Being baptized shows others that you belong to God’s family.

Both as His child and into the Body.

(Romans 8:14-16 adoption)

(1 Corinthians 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.)

What Doesn’t Baptism Do?

NOT SALVATION

It is our faith in Jesus and his grace that saves us

(Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.)

Baptism Tells TWO Stories

1. When we are baptized we connect ourselves to **JESUS’** story (1 Corinthians 15:3-8). Going under the water is a picture of Jesus being BURIED in the tomb. Coming out of the water is a picture of Christ being **RAISED** on the third day.

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2. It also tells YOUR story of deserving death as the punishment of our sins (Romans 6:23), and of your choice to accept Christ's sacrificial death for the forgiveness of your sins (John 3:16).

We choose to die to our **OLD** self and sin (Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ), **BURY** them with Christ (READ: Romans 6:4-11), and then be raised to **NEW** life in Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 5:17 new creation)!

Baptism & The Early Church

Reading through Acts, we find baptism always comes after TWO key actions: BELIEF (hearing the Gospel) and REPENTANCE. Check out the passages below to see how.

Acts 2: 37-41 Who? Peter & The crowd - 3000

What happened? Repent and be baptized

Acts 8:12-13 Who? Philip & the Samaritans & Simon

What happened? Belief and baptism

Acts 8: 26-40 Who? Philip & Ethiopian Eunuch

What happened? Heard the Gospel, Baptism

Acts 9:1-19; 22:8-16

Who? Paul & Ananias

What happened? Repentance, healing, baptism & Holy Spirit

Acts 10:44-48 Who? Peter & Cornelius, his relatives and close friends

What happened? Received the Holy Spirit & Baptism

Acts 16:31-34 Who? Paul & Silas, Philippian jailor & household

What happened? Belief & Baptism

Acts 19:1-6 Who? Paul & Ephesian disciples

What happened? Heard the Gospel (John's baptism – missing the final pieces of the story), received the Holy Spirit, Baptism

Testimony – Telling Your Story

1. What was my life like before I believed in Jesus and became his friend? Why did you want Jesus to be a part of your life? Be brief.
2. How and when did you receive Jesus as your Saviour and friend? (Who was with you, why then, how did you become a Christian?)
3. What are some of the ways Jesus makes a difference in your life? (ie. Why do you trust in Him, or how does He help you when things are difficult, or good?)
4. Why do you want to be baptized? (ie. obedience, identity, testimony)

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Tips For Your Baptism

- Don't wear white (its see-through when it gets wet), but DO wear something you feel comfortable in.
- Bring a change of clothes, a towel and a plastic bag for your wet clothes.
- The person baptizing you will ask: "Is it your desire to follow Jesus all the days of your life? And is it your desire to be baptized today? Based on your confession of faith in the Lord Jesus, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."
- Plug your nose with one hand, and hold your forearm with the other hand, and bend your knees.

Baptism Details

- What service/date? By whom?
 - When and where do they meet on that date?
 - What is your church's baptismal "tank" like? (Give a "tour" if you are able)
 - Do you expect them to share their testimony live, or will there be a video testimony? When will that video be filmed?
 - Whom should they invite?
- Written testimony emailed to: