



# A Kid's Guide to Baptism

**A workbook to help  
prepare you to be  
baptized**

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So you want to be baptized. That's great! Baptism is a HUGE milestone in the life of a Christian, but it is not something we just do because everyone else is doing it.

Before you are baptized, you need to understand what you are doing. You should be able to explain what baptism means, and you should also be able to say why you want to be baptized.

This book will help you do that. As you work through these pages you will be preparing yourself to take a big step forward in your faith journey.

## **What is baptism?**

- Baptism means to *immerse* (as in water)
- It is something you do to show other people you love Jesus, you want to obey his commands, and you have asked him to forgive you.
- It is a symbol of Jesus dying, being buried and raising from the grave.

# What is a symbol?

A symbol is an image or an object that stands for something else.

For example, what does the \$ symbol represent? Yes, that is the symbol for a dollar. What about a bald eagle? If you said it is a symbol of freedom or America, you are right.

Take a minute and see how many symbols you can list.

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Here is another way to think about it. If you were to wear a sports jersey, that does not mean you are a professional player. For a basketball player, the jersey

is part of the uniform to show what team he or she plays for.

You are not a part of a professional team just because you wear a jersey. The opposite is also true – if a professional player does not wear the jersey, it does not mean they are no longer part of the team.

Someone is not automatically forgiven of sins and a member of “Team Jesus” just because they are baptized. You have to repent and ask Jesus to forgive you in order have eternal life on “Team Jesus”.

Baptism is a symbol of being on Jesus’ “team”. We do it to show everyone that we are on his team. Being forgiven and making him our savior gets us on his team, not the baptism. We can be forgiven and not baptized. We can get baptized but that does not make us forgiven. Baptism is something we do to show that we have been forgiven.

A wedding ring is another good example of a symbol that can help you understand baptism. When a husband and wife get married, they usually exchange rings as symbols of their love for each other. When they wear their ring, it is a symbol to let everyone else know they are married. Wearing a ring does not

# Why should you be baptized?

Here are a few reasons you should consider being baptized.

- ***Jesus himself was baptized.***

Look up and read Matthew 3:12-17, then answer the questions.

Who baptized Jesus?

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What happened after Jesus was baptized?

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How did God feel when Jesus was baptized?

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- ***Jesus tells us to be baptized***

Look up and read Matthew 28:16-20, then answer the questions.

Who was Jesus talking to?

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What did he tell them to do?

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# How do you know if you are ready to be baptized?

In the Bible, when someone is baptized, they ‘repent’ first, or believe in Jesus first. Baptism comes after your choice to follow Jesus as a way to show your friends and family that you trust Jesus and have asked him to forgive you and to be your savior.

## Questions to ask before you are baptized:

#1 Have you asked Jesus to forgive you?

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#2 Are you ready to tell/show your friends and family that Jesus is your savior? Who are some people you would tell when you get baptized?

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