FOR KIDS FROM 2ND-5TH GRADE



WHAT ABOUT BAPTISM?

A GUIDE FOR KIDS



(AND THEIR PARENTS)

DEAR PARENTS:

We are so excited that you and your child are thinking about baptism!

We don't have a "baptism class" at Overlake. You play the most important role in your child's life and we want to help you use this opportunity to have meaningful conversations with your child. You do not need to be a Bible scholar to teach your children spiritual truths! This workbook is for you to go through together--and we hope it supports you as the primary spiritual leader in your home.

Please do it side by side, together. It's not an assignment for your child to do alone. The time working through it together should help you determine if your child understands the meaning of baptism and the value of the decision they made to follow Jesus.

Once you've determined your child is ready to get baptized, let us know. A Kidtown staff member will meet with you together to briefly go over this workbook the week before the baptism is scheduled. (If you feel they need to wait a little longer and develop their understanding, it's okay! We are just excited to see them growing in faith!)

Please contact us if you have any questions! We are grateful to be on this journey with you and your child!

THE KIDTOWN TEAM



- TAKE YOUR TIME GOING THROUGH THESE QUESTIONS.
- SHOW YOUR CHILD HOW TO LOOK UP EACH VERSE IN THE BIBLE AND READ IT ALOUD TOGETHER.
- SHARE YOUR OWN FAITH JOURNEY STORIES!
- CONSIDER KEEPING A JOURNAL WITH YOUR CHILD'S ANSWERS TO KEY QUESTIONS (THESE WILL BE A TREASURE DOWN THE ROAD).

KIDS! here's where you start →

THE QUESTIONS



WHAT IS THE BIBLE? _____

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE STORY IN THE BIBLE? _____

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WHAT HAPPENED WITH ADAM + EVE? WHAT DID THEY DO?

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HAS EVERYONE SINNED? ☐ YES. ☐ NO.

WHAT ABOUT REALLY NICE PEOPLE? ☐ YES. ☐ NO.

THE QUESTIONS



THINK ABOUT A TIME YOU SINNED.
DID YOU TELL GOD YOU'RE SORRY? _____



WHAT DID GOD DO TO RESCUE US AND FORGIVE US FOR ALL OUR SINS?

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HOW DO WE GET FORGIVENESS FROM GOD? _____

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DO WE HAVE TO JUST BE REALLY GOOD TO MAKE GOD HAPPY?

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WHY DO WE SING (WORSHIP) WHEN WE GO TO CHURCH?

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE "SAVED"? _____

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LAST QUESTION!

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT THE BIBLE? IS THERE ANYTHING CONFUSING TO YOU?

to help remember what it means to be saved, use

ABC

A ADMIT THAT WE DID BAD THINGS AND ASK JESUS TO FORGIVE THEM.

B BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS: THE SON OF GOD! HE'S THE SAVIOR, AND THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE FORGIVENESS AND SEE GOD IN HEAVEN!

C CALL ON JESUS AND ASK HIM TO FORGIVE YOU FOR YOUR SINS. ASK HIM TO BE THE BOSS OF YOUR LIFE AND TELL HIM YOU WANT TO FOLLOW HIM. THIS IS PRAYER, AND IT'S JUST TALKING WITH GOD--LIKE WHEN YOU TALK WITH YOUR BEST FRIEND.

yo!

these are just some **super important**

THINGS TO KNOW

RIGHT FROM THE BIBLE!



God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it! ephesians 2:8-9

BEING **SAVED** BY JESUS IS A GIFT! EVEN IF WE MAKE MISTAKES AND SIN, WE ONLY NEED TO ASK AND GOD FORGIVES US! WE CANNOT DO ANYTHING TO EARN OUR WAY INTO HEAVEN. IT'S A GIFT FROM GOD BECAUSE HE LOVES US!



THE WORD **BAPTISM** MEANS **TO PUT IN THE WATER.** BUT BAPTISM IS **MORE** THAN JUST TAKING A SWIM!



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT BAPTISM

THESE VERSES ALL COME FROM THE NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

JESUS TOLD US TO BAPTIZE HIS DISCIPLES (FOLLOWERS)

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the ame of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you...

Matthew 28:18-20

IT'S A SYMBOL OF THE DEATH & RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Romans 6:2-4

IT'S AN OUTWARD SIGN OF AN INWARD COMMITMENT OF FAITH

But now the people believed Philip's message of good news concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. Then Simon himself believed and was baptized. He began following Philip wherever he went, and he was amazed by the signs and great miracles Philip performed.

Acts 8:12-13

IT COMES RIGHT AFTER CONVERSION*

*WHEN YOU DECIDE TO FOLLOW JESUS

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day--about 3,000 in all.

Acts 2:41

ARE YOU READY FOR A FEW MORE THINGS TO KNOW

Seriously. are you?

READ THIS STORY FROM ACTS 8.

IT'S ABOUT SOMEONE GETTING BAPTIZED, AND IT HELPS EXPLAIN WHAT BAPTISM IS!

As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! there's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" he ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

Acts 8:36 & 38

TALK ABOUT IT → HAVE YOU SEEN SOMEONE GET BAPTIZED? WHAT HAPPENS?

But who gets baptized?

Let's look & see

WHY WE GET BAPTIZED IN WATER

that is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, it was like leaving the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, it was like entering a new country called grace: a new life in a new land!

that's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus.

Romans 6:3-5 (the Message)

WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

WHO ARE YOU BEING LIKE WHEN YOU GET BAPTIZED?

not sure? read Romas 6:3-5 again!

WHERE DO PEOPLE GET BAPTIZED?

yes, water is kind of the answer.
but read this verse to get what we really mean here.

those who believed what Peter said [about Jesus]
were baptized--about 3,000 in all... Acts 2:41

TALK ABOUT IT

DO PEOPLE GET BAPTIZED IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE OR ALONE, SO NO ONE CAN SEE?



WHY DO YOU THINK BAPTISM IS DONE IN FRONT OF LOTS OF PEOPLE?

MY TESTIMONY

KIDS -- this part is just for you. write your answers here on your own.

Let's start with this one.

DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED?

☐ yes ☐ no

If you checked yes, keep going!
If you checked no, give this booklet to your parents!

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

WHEN DID YOU BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

WHY DID YOU SAY YES TO JESUS? WHY DID YOU SAY YES TO FOLLOWING HIM AND LOVING HIM?

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS HAS SAVED YOU FROM YOUR SIN? ☐ yes ☐ no

DO YOU PROMISE TO FOLLOW JESUS THE REST OF YOUR LIFE? ☐ yes ☐ no

KIDS -- you're all done! Give the booklet to your parents, because they have their own part to do now!

PARENTS ONLY

Parents: Now comes the hard part. It's very tempting to just assume your child is ready to be baptized. Ultimately, this is at your discretion. But here are a few questions to consider after reviewing your child's answers to the previous questions.

- ☐ DOES MY CHILD TRULY GRASP THE WEIGHT OF THEIR SIN?
- ☐ DOES MY CHILD UNDERSTAND JESUS' WORK TO CLEAR THEM OF THAT SIN?
- ☐ HAVE I PRAYERFULLY CONSIDERED MY CHILD'S FAITH? DO I FEEL LIKE BAPTISM IS THEIR NEXT STEP?
- ☐ AM I CONVINCED MY CHILD IS MAKNG THIS DECISION BECAUSE OF THEIR OWN FAITH, AND NOT BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM ME OR THE CHURCH?

In our experience, most kids cannot completely grasp the weight of their sin until they are in 1st or 2nd grade. We know there are sometimes exceptions. It is also our experience that many kids who are baptized before age 13 want to be baptized in Junior high because they feel their faith becomes "real" and "their own" at this age.

WHETHER YOUR CHILD IS READY FOR BAPTISM OR NOT, WE HAVE A FEW NEXT STEPS FOR YOU!

PARENTS:

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO WALK THROUGH THIS VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT WITH YOUR CHILD!

IF YOUR CHILD IS READY FOR BAPTISM

- GO TO OCC.ORG/BAPTISM AND FIND OUT WHEN THE NEXT BAPTISM WILL BE.
- CONTACT KIDTOWN TO SET UP A BAPTISM REVIEW WITH A STAFF MEMBER.

EMAIL: KIDS@OCC.ORG PHONE: (425) 702-0303

IF YOUR CHILD SHOULD WAIT



- IT'S OKAY! DON'T FRET.
- KEEP PRAYING FOR YOUR CHILD'S FAITH!
- CONTINUE FOSTERING YOUR CHILD'S FAITH AND BE READY WHEN THEY ARE PREPARED TO TAKE THE STEP TO BE BAPTIZED.

HEY KIDS! DID YOU MAKE A DECISION TODAY?
WRITE DOWN TODAY'S DATE _____
+ SIGN YOUR NAME SO YOU REMEMBER!

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If you didn't, that's ok! Keep this book to help you when you are ready. Way to go!

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