

FFC Kids Baptism Guide





Water Baptism Devotional

Obeying Jesus' Commandment

"So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end." Matthew 28:19-20 NIRV

Being baptized in water is one of the first steps you take in following Jesus. A friend of Jesus does not just learn about Jesus, but follows Jesus and does the things He did. The number one reason you should get baptized in water is because Jesus did and He told us to also.

When you became a friend of Jesus, you were brought into God's kingdom under Jesus' control. That means you have decided to do what Jesus says and follow His example. Jesus was water baptized, so we should be too. Take time right now to read about Jesus' baptism in your Bible in Matthew 3:13-17.

An Outward Picture

When you were baptized, you were buried together with him. You were raised to life together with him by believing in God's power.

God raised Jesus from the dead. Colossians 2:12 NIRV

Water baptism is just an outward picture of what Jesus has done for you on the inside. Jesus died for your sins, was buried, and then was raised from the dead! That's why you go all the way under the water when you are baptized. You are showing people that your old spirit and all your past sins (the bad things you did) are buried with Jesus. When you come up out of the water, you are saying that Jesus has given you new life. Everyone sees the picture of the change that has taken place inside your heart.

A Decision of Faith

By being baptized, we were buried with Christ [Jesus] into his death. Christ has been raised from the dead by the Father's glory. And like Christ we can also live a new life. Romans 6:4 NIRV

Water baptism does not save you. It has no purpose or meaning until after a person has decided to follow Jesus and invited Jesus into their heart and life. But water baptism is a very important step in your new Christian life. When you decided to follow Jesus, you made a decision of faith to receive Him into your heart. When you are baptized in water, you are making a decision of faith to follow Him all the days of your life.

Every child can have a personal relationship with Jesus, and in FFC Kids we encourage them to make a decision to follow Him. Our children are encouraged to not just learn about Jesus, but learn from Him by walking with Him every day.

We advise parents to wait until their child is asking to be water baptized. This is usually a good indication that they are ready to be baptized and that it will be a spiritual milestone in their life. While younger children under the age of seven can have a relationship with Jesus, we want to ensure they have a clear understanding of the meaning of baptisms before taking this step in their faith.

As you discern if your child is ready to be water baptized, here are some questions to ask your child.

1. When did you decide to follow Jesus and become His forever friend?

Your child should have a specific memory of when he or she understood what Jesus did, and that he or she needs Jesus in their life. It may have been at church, at home, or even sometime when they were alone.

2. What does it mean to be water baptized?

"It means I'm following Jesus. It means I'm a Christian and I want to show the world. It's a picture of what Jesus has done on the inside of me."

3. Why do you want to be water baptized?

"I want to be baptized because Jesus was baptized and He tells us to be baptized also."





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If you have any questions or would like to talk to someone about the process,
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