

BAPTISMS

In Celebration Kids, we want your child to grow in their relationship with God and learn what it means to be a God-first kid. Baptism is an outward declaration of an inward commitment to following Jesus and putting God first. It is such an important, exciting and memorable step in the life of a follower of Jesus. We want to share and celebrate this moment with you and your child! **If your child wants to be baptized, we ask that you have a conversation with them about what it means and why we do it! Use the discussion questions below to guide your conversation.**

1. CAN YOU TELL ME WHO JESUS IS?

Your child should understand that Jesus is God, and that he came to Earth to rescue us from our sin. Parents, you can describe sin as wrong doings such as lying, not obeying, stealing, being mean to others, etc.

2. WHAT HAS JESUS DONE FOR US? WHY DO WE NEED HIM?

Your child should understand the basic concept that Jesus forgave their sin on the cross. You can go a little deeper in helping them understand how that happened by talking about how Jesus took their punishment for them on the cross.

You can say something like, “Because we have all done wrong things and those wrong things have consequences, instead of us being punished by God, Jesus loved us so much that he took the punishment we deserved on the cross. Because he rose from the dead, our sins can be forgiven.”

3. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ACCEPT JESUS IN YOUR HEART?

A relationship with Jesus begins by giving your heart and life to Jesus. Starting a relationship with Jesus is as simple as praying and telling Jesus, “I give you my heart and my life. Thank you for forgiving my sins. I want to live for you.”

A relationship with Jesus means that Jesus loves me and wants to spend time with me. It also means that I love him, want to spend time with him, and want to obey him.

4. 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 is a picture of what Jesus has done on the inside of me.

Tell your child you are so proud of them, and that the Bible tells us there is a celebration in Heaven every time someone places their faith in Jesus (Luke 15:10). Tell them that after accepting Jesus, the next step is to be baptized! It is a special way to show that you have put your faith in Jesus, and it shows others what Jesus has done for us.

YOUR CHILD MAY NOT BE READY YET

If you don’t feel your child understands what it means to be water baptized, it’s totally appropriate to wait. During this time, let your child observe water baptism and talk to them about what it means.

YOUR CHILD IS READY

If your child understands baptism and is ready to be baptized, pray a prayer of thanksgiving over them! Thank God for their decision to accept him and be baptized. Your child can pray too if they want!