

# *First Steps for FBC Kids*



**First Baptist Church**

Machesney Park

REACHING **UPWARD** REACHING **OUTWARD**

Making the decision to follow Jesus is a big step in your life. And we want to help you get started off right!

There are five pages in this packet that are going to help you with five important areas of being a Christian. We encourage you to do these with an adult who can help if you get stuck.

You don't have to rush through. In fact, we'd like for you to work on no more than one per day at the very most.

If you complete this packet and return it to Pastor Heath, you will receive a special prize and recognition in our worship service.

When you finish, write your name on the line that says "Disciple" along with the date. Also be sure to get the adult that helped you to sign on their line too. If more than one adult helped, you can choose any of them.

I'm praying for you,

Pastor Heath

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# Secure in Salvation

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In second grade, I was allowed to ride my bike the half-mile to school. Not only did my parents get me a new bike, but a bike lock. We sat down and decided on a combination I could remember easily and every morning when I got to school, I locked my bike up in the bike rack. And every time I came out of school, there it was. It was easy to trust that big lock to protect my bike.

As a new Christian, you can trust Jesus to protect your soul. We don't ask Jesus to save us and hope He can do it. We know he can do it! But don't take my word for it.

## **What does the Bible say?**

Read the following verses and try to write them in your own words

John 10:28

Romans 10:13

## **Final Thought**

There's nothing you can do that will make God love you any more, or any less, than He already does. God loves us perfectly. So in moments you have chosen sin, He still loves you. Just be honest and confess your sins to God and ask Him to help you avoid those next time. Jesus didn't just save and forgive us once; He keeps on saving and forgiving us because He loves us!

## **Prayer**

Praying is simply talking to God. Take some time and thank Him for saving you from your sins! And it's also a good idea to ask God to help you see other sins that you might need to deal with. I actually pray Psalm 139:23 by reading the words and then taking a moment for God to show me. Sometimes a picture or a thought will come to my mind to show me what sin or temptation I need to pray about so I can become more like Jesus!

## **The Big Point**

So what do you think is the Big Point from this lesson? Write it down below.

# Baptism

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I didn't grow up in church, but I always believed God was somewhere out there. When I was 12, I started going to church with a neighbor and after several weeks I made the same decision you made to trust Jesus as my Savior and my Lord. Right after, they talked to me about baptism. Baptism was a strange word to me, but the pastor told me it was being dunked in the water to show people I accepted Jesus. And even though I was afraid of the water, it was a great day! My church and my family clapped and celebrated my decision to be public with my faith.

Baptism doesn't save us. It is the first and easiest way to obey Jesus as we become a Christian. And even though He never sinned, Jesus still chose to be baptized to be an example to us. It is a great way to let others know you are a follower of Jesus!

## **What Does the Bible Say?**

Acts 19:4-5

Acts 2:37-38

Question: After reading these verses, do you think a person should be baptized before or after they become a Christian? Why do you think that? Write it here.

## **Final Thought**

Baptism is a symbol that we have died to our old life of following ourselves, and are now following Jesus! But baptism is for people who are believers in Jesus Christ. Baptism doesn't save us from sin, but instead it gives us an exciting chance to let everyone know: "I am a Christian!"

## **Prayer**

If you've never baptized before, pray and talk to God about it. Ask Him to make you ready and excited to take this step in front of your church. Pray and ask God to also help other Christians who may see your boldness in being baptized and finally obey Jesus in this way too.

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# Be A Witness

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Driving to work one morning, I was following a car. Our traffic light was turning yellow and I slowed down to stop, but the other car sped up. Before he even got to the light it was already red, but he kept on going and hit another car! I called the police and gave them my name and phone since I had seen the accident. A few weeks later I was asked to come to the courthouse and be a witness. The man in the speeding car tried to convince the judge the light was green, but since I didn't know either driver, and I swore the light was red, the judge ruled the man in the speeding car was guilty of causing the accident.

A good witness is someone that can help us know the truth about a situation. Movie critics try to be a "witness" about how good or bad a movie is. A Christian witness is someone who tells others that our sin is bad and only leads to Hell. We can then let them know how Jesus saved us and has given Heaven to anyone who will believe!

## **What Does the Bible Say?**

Matthew 28:19-20

Luke 12:12

Question: What do you think it means to make someone a disciple? (Hint: look up the word disciple in the dictionary). Write your answer here.

## **Final Thought**

Our world has many people who don't know the truth about Jesus. They believe being a good person takes us to Heaven, but Christians know we aren't good people. We are sinners who have been rescued by a good Savior! And remember, when you are telling others about Jesus, you are never alone. The Holy Spirit is God's Spirit, living inside of you and giving you power to be a witness to people who need to know about Jesus.

## **Prayer**

Do you know someone who isn't a Christian? I know some people like this in my life too. Pray that God would give you words and a chance to tell that person about how much Jesus loves them and how He died to save them from their sins. As someone who didn't grow up in church, I can tell you I'm so glad for the person that was a witness and told me about Jesus!

## **The Big Point**

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# Be a Servant

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Lambert's is the best restaurant in the world for one simple reason...they throw bread at you! After you sit at your table, the "breadman" pushes his cart through the restaurant and if you want bread, just hold up a hand and here it comes! Now don't worry, because they won't throw a burger, steak, or mashed potatoes at your head. Instead, Lambert's always has a great server who brings you anything you need and there's no reason to get up until you're done.

Servants aren't too hard to find when you're still paying them, but what about when they've already received their pay? Christians are called to be servants, not because of what we can get, but because of what Jesus has given us already by saving our souls.

## **What Does the Bible Say?**

Matthew 20:28

Mark 9:33-35

Question: Why do these verses say we should be a servant to others? Write your answer here.

## **Final Thought**

You don't have to travel far to be a servant. When you help your teacher or a classmate, you're being a servant. When you do things for your parents without even being asked, you're being a servant. Anytime you see something that needs to be done, and you don't wait for someone else to do it, you're being the kind of servant that Jesus wants us to be.

## **Prayer**

Take a few moments and pray that God would make you a better servant. Ask Him to show you places or people that you can put first before yourself. And pray that as you serve others, God will allow your service to inspire others to do the same things for Jesus.

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# Devotion

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When I became a Christian, I didn't even own a Bible. So my church gave me a brand new Bible with my name on it and I was so proud! I took it straight home and started reading it, but I didn't really understand it much. Later in life, I learned how to read the Bible and then think about what the stories were teaching me. And then I pray. I ask God to help me live out the words of the Bible, and I talk to Him about the things going on in my life.

Every Christian needs a time of devotion. This is when we turn off the TV and the noise and spend some time with God. How much time? Don't worry about that. Just spend some time reading the words God wrote in the Bible for us, and then letting him know how you're thankful, worried, or even confused.

## **What Does the Bible Say?**

2 Timothy 3:16

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Question: How do these verses encourage us to read the Bible and pray?

## **Final Thought**

Have you ever accidentally made a friend? Probably not. A friendship takes time as you talk and get to know each other. Jesus is a friend to us and He wants to hear from us everyday. But if we don't spend time reading the Bible, we miss out on God's voice. And when we don't pray, we miss our chance to talk directly to God.

## **Prayer**

Thank God for giving us His Word and for the chance to talk to Him in prayer. Ask Him to encourage you to spend some time everyday getting to know Him better through your personal devotion.

## **The Big Point**

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# I Finished!

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Congratulations on completing your First Steps packet!!!

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