

Kids Water Baptism Guide

We're so excited that you're considering baptism for your child! At Hope Church, we believe every child can have a personal relationship with Jesus. We encourage kids not only to learn about Him, but to walk with Him daily and grow in their faith.

When is My Child Ready?

We advise parents to wait until their child is personally asking to be water baptized. This is usually a strong sign that they understand the meaning and are ready to take this step as a spiritual milestone in their life. While younger children can know and love Jesus, they may not yet remember or fully grasp the significance of water baptism. For that reason, we encourage parents to wait until their child is a little older and expresses the desire themselves.

Questions to Ask Your Child

These questions can help you discern if your child is ready:

- **When did you decide to follow Jesus?**
Your child should be able to share a memory of when they understood what Jesus did for them and chose to receive Him—whether at home, at church, or somewhere else.
- **What does it mean to be water baptized?**
Your child should be able to explain, in their own words, what baptism means. For example: "It means I'm following Jesus. It shows I'm a Christian, and I want others to know what He's done in me."
- **Why do you want to be water baptized?**
Your child should have a clear and personal reason for wanting to be baptized, not simply because a parent told them to or because friends are doing it, but because they themselves desire to follow and obey Jesus.

If Your Child is Not Ready

If your child isn't able to answer these questions with understanding, it's perfectly okay to wait. Use this time to let them watch baptisms and talk about what it means.

If Your Child is Ready

If your child clearly understands, celebrate! Use the other resources on our water baptism page, including the video from Pastor Jason, and then sign up using the link on the same page.