

NEXT

BAPTISM

STEP

## Children's Workbook



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Child's Name

Parent's Name

Phone #

**For Kids 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Their Parents**

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## KIDS ARE WELCOME AT OUR CHURCH!

Dear Parents & Kids –

How exciting to know you want to take the NEXT STEP in your Christian life! This is a special time that you and your family will remember for the rest of your lives.

This packet of information will help you have a clear understanding of your decision to be baptized. That is a very important decision for you, and we want to make sure that you take it seriously.

These pages will help you know about ...

- ❖ Salvation - Your MOST IMPORTANT DECISION
- ❖ Growing as a Christian
- ❖ Baptism – the first big NEXT STEP

The steps to take in completing this process are as follows:

- ❖ Review each page of this packet carefully (parents, have a look through the booklet prior to beginning with your child), completing them together as instructed. Be sure and talk about everything that's written here so that you fully understand.
- ❖ When you have finished, return the completed packet to the Children's Pastor. You can drop it at the Welcome Table on the Plaza or mail it to the church.
- ❖ After your packet has been reviewed, you will be called to schedule an appointment to talk about your decision and share your testimony.
- ❖ If everything is in order, you will be scheduled for baptism as soon as possible.

We are excited to be part of this journey with you! Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions or concerns. You can email at [childrens@fccsantamaria.org](mailto:childrens@fccsantamaria.org) or call 805-922-8479x139

Enjoy your time completing the packet!

Sincerely,

**FCC Kid's Ministry Team**

**PARENTS ~**

**If you do not feel comfortable leading your child through this process, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to meet individually with you and your child to work through this packet together.**

**Pastor Jill**



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## **How to use this booklet:**

Parents:

To use this booklet successfully, simply walk through each page sequentially with your child(ren). Each page is self-explanatory and is easy to understand (and there's an answer guide at the back!). Allow a good amount of time to complete.

There are a few items you will need, so have them ready prior to beginning your discussion:

- Pencil for child to complete booklet
- Bible (preferably a “kid-friendly” version, such as the New Living Translation)
- Five 3 x 5 cards (or equivalent)
- A \$1 bill

Have fun with your child, and be ready to learn, or re-learn, something yourself!

We look forward to meeting all of you when it's completed!

# All about “salvation”

## What is it?

“Salvation” is God providing a way for us to be rid of our sin so we can have a relationship with Him and spend eternity with Him in heaven.

## Why do we need it?

We need it because of our sin. Sin is doing anything that God doesn't want us to do.

- ❖ Activity – take some 3 x 5 cards and write down some sins that you can think of (lying, stealing, etc.). Now, talk about times when you have done something that God didn't want you to do.
- ❖ Look up Romans 3:23 – who are sinners? \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Now read the first sentence of Romans 6:23 – what does the Bible say is our penalty or punishment (wages) for sin?  
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When you break a law, there is a penalty. Kids, ask your parents if they've ever received a ticket. What was the penalty for getting that ticket? Or, if they've never gotten one, what would be the penalty if they got a ticket for speeding?

When your parents speed on the freeway, they must pay a penalty, and when we break God's law (sin) we have to pay a penalty. That's a problem, isn't it?

The Bible says that the penalty for our sin is “death”. Not only does our body die (eventually), but our relationship with God is broken (like when you disobey your parents and it's hard to talk to them).

**There's GOOD NEWS, though...**

## The Good News About Our Sin Problem

- ❖ Now read the second sentence of Romans 6:23 – what does God say His gift to us is? \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Tell your parents what your favorite gift of all time is.
- ❖ Now ask your parents to hold out a \$1 bill. If they were giving you that \$1, what would you have to do to make it yours?  
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- ❖ God's gift works the same way...we must "accept" His gift of eternal life. If you never accepted (took) the \$1 from your parents, would it be yours? No, and God's gift is not ours, either, until we accept it.



- ❖ Accepting God's gift is a little different than accepting a \$1 bill. The Bible says that we can accept God's gift when we believe what God has done for us. It's as easy as A, B, C...

## The A, B, C's of Accepting God's Gift

**A**dmit that you sin and turn to God for forgiveness.

❖ Look up 1 John 1:9 – what does the verse say we should do with our sins? \_\_\_\_\_

❖ What does the verse say that God will do when we confess our

sins? \_\_\_\_\_. When he forgives our sins, the Bible says He removes them as far as the East is from the West (Psalm 103:12). That's a LONG way! Take the cards you wrote sins on, tear them up and go throw them away. They're gone, just like our sins when God forgives us!

❖ Now look up Acts 3:19 – what does the Bible say we should do so that we can be cleansed from our sins?

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❖ "Turning" from our sins means to completely turn around and go the other way. God wants us to completely turn away from our sins. Have you ever ridden a skateboard and done a "180"? If not, maybe you've seen someone do it...it's when the skateboarder is going one way and then suddenly turns the board around and goes in completely the opposite direction. That's what God wants us to do with our sin...go in completely the opposite direction from it.

**B**elieve with faith that Jesus died for YOU.

❖ Do you remember the penalty for our sin? That's right, it's death! Someone must die for our sin, and Jesus (God's Son) took our place and died for our sin.

❖ The Bible says that if we believe that Jesus died for us, we can be "saved" (have the gift God wants to give us).

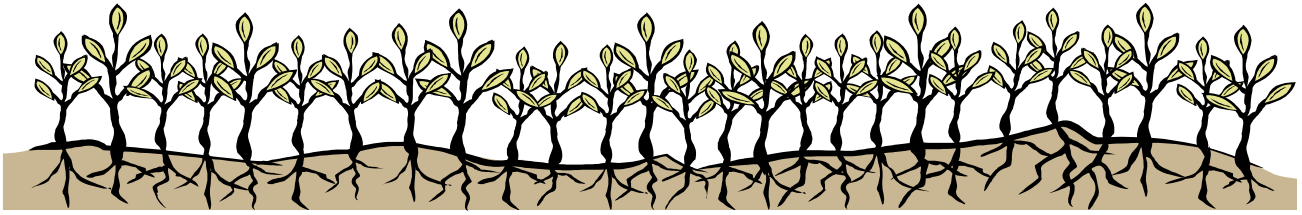
- ❖ Look up Romans 10:9 – what does the second part of that verse say? \_\_\_\_\_
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**C**all on Jesus to come into your life.

- ❖ Look up John 1:12 – 13 – what does verse 12 and the first sentence of verse 13 say about what happens when we believe and accept Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
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- ❖ God WANTS us to be part of His family. That's why He sent Jesus to die in our place. When we believe that Jesus died, and accept Jesus into our lives, we are accepting the “gift” that God wants to give us. As verse 13 says, it's like being “re-born” into God's family. One day, just like we live with our earthly families, we will go to heaven and live in heaven in “God's family”. When we become part of God's family, we are called a “Christian”, which means “a Christ one”, or a believer of Christ (Jesus).

**God's gift is MUCH better than any gift we could unwrap!!**



**When we become a Christian, God wants us to take the NEXT STEP and “grow”. Look up the verses and fill in the blank to learn how to grow.**

God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_.  
I John 2: 3 - 6

God gives us His \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ephesians 3: 20

God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Philippians 4: 6 - 7

God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_.  
II Timothy 3:15 -16

God wants us to go to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Hebrews 10: 24 - 25

God wants us to tell \_\_\_\_\_.  
John 1: 41



## **What is baptism?**

- ❖ Baptism is simply showing others that we are part of God's family.
- ❖ Have you ever been part of a team, or seen a team on TV? Teams wear uniforms so you know what team they are part of. In the same way, being baptized is saying "I'm part of God's team (family)".

## **What baptism IS NOT.**

- ❖ Baptism IS NOT a way to get to heaven.
- ❖ The ONLY way to be part of God's family and get to heaven is by believing (faith) in Jesus, like we talked about earlier. There is NOTHING else we need to do to be a Christian. Baptism is simply an act of obedience AFTER we are a Christian to show others that we are part of God's family.
- ❖ Look up Ephesians 2:8 – 9 – is there anything we can do on our own to be saved? \_\_\_\_\_.  
A gift is FREE, and we do not need to do anything but accept it.

## **Why should we be baptized?**

- ❖ Look up Matthew 28:19 – Jesus' followers were told to "make disciples" (tell others about Jesus). Then they were to do something with those disciples...what was that? \_\_\_\_\_  
So, we are baptized to OBEY Jesus.
- ❖ We also are baptized so that we can follow Jesus' example. You can read about when He was baptized in Mark 1:9-11.
- ❖ Finally, like we said earlier, being baptized shows others that we are part of God's family. Romans 6:4 says that when we are baptized, it's telling everyone that we believe in Jesus.

## **How does baptism work?**

- ❖ The word “baptism” comes from the Greek word “baptiso”, which means “to dip” or “to immerse”, which means to go under the water. That’s how Jesus was baptized, too!
- ❖ When we are baptized, we are “dipped” under the water. There’s a safe place in the “big church” where we are baptized.
- ❖ Baptism is like a picture (see Romans 6:3-5):
  - standing in the water is a picture of Jesus on the cross.
  - going under the water is a picture of Jesus being buried in the tomb.
  - coming up out of the water is a picture of Jesus being raised on the third day.
- ❖ Baptism is nothing to be afraid of, and we’ll talk more about what happens when we meet together.

## **Who should be baptized**

- ❖ Anyone who has accepted God’s free gift and become a Christian should be baptized. Remember, baptism is showing that we believe in Jesus and what He did for us, that we are part of God’s family. Acts 2:41 says that those who believed were baptized.

## **When is the time right for you to be baptized?**

- ❖ When you have accepted God’s free gift and believe that Jesus died on the cross for you and know that you are part of God’s family.
- ❖ When you WANT to be baptized and let everyone know that you belong to God’s family.

Have you become part of God’s family? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to tell everyone by being baptized? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



# Answer Guide

## “All About Salvation” section

- ❖ everyone
- ❖ death
- ❖ accept it / take it
- ❖ confess them to God
- ❖ forgiven
- ❖ turn away
- ❖ if we believe we can be saved
- ❖ we can become “children of God”
- ❖ we are “reborn”

## “Growing As a Christian” section

- ❖ obey His commands
- ❖ power
- ❖ Pray about everything
- ❖ know the scripture
- ❖ church
- ❖ others about Jesus

## “All About Baptism” section

- ❖ No, it is a gift
- ❖ baptize them

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## Parents instructions for meeting with Pastor Matt

Please have the child ready to:

- ❖ Briefly go through the booklet
- ❖ Share their testimony in 1 – 2 minutes
- ❖ Explain what baptism is