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BAPTISM

A CONVERSATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS & KIDS | 4th Grade & Older

Baptism comes after a personal decision to follow Jesus. If that decision is not yet clear, begin with the Cypress Kids Following Jesus Conversation Guide.

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is a next step of obedience after a person decides to follow Jesus. Jesus was baptized and taught His followers to be baptized. It does not save us; salvation comes through faith in Jesus. Baptism publicly shows the decision already made to follow Him.

Going under the water represents Jesus' death and burial. Coming out of the water represents His resurrection and the new life we have through Him.

READ TOGETHER *Matthew 28:19-20 • Romans 6:4*

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

1. Tell me about when you decided to follow Jesus.
2. What do you think baptism means?
3. Does baptism make someone a Christian? Why or why not?
4. Why do you want to be baptized?
5. What do you want others to know about your decision to follow Jesus?

LISTEN FOR THEIR WORDS They do not need a perfect answer. Listen for understanding that is personal and a desire that is truly their own.

IS MY CHILD READY?

Your child may be ready when...

- They have personally decided to follow Jesus.
- They understand why they need Jesus and what He did for them.
- They understand baptism shows others the decision they have already made to follow Jesus.
- They can explain what baptism represents in their own words.
- The desire to be baptized is coming from them.
- They understand that following Jesus continues after baptism.

Keep talking if...

- They cannot yet describe their own decision to follow Jesus.
- They are still working through what it means to follow Jesus and what baptism represents.
- Their interest is mostly because someone else is being baptized or encouraging them to.

BE READY TO SHARE YOUR STORY

Before the Cypress conversation, talk through these together:

- When did you decide to follow Jesus?
- Why do you want to be baptized?
- What does following Jesus mean to you?

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT AT CYPRESS?

1. Complete the baptism registration.
2. A Cypress team member will contact you.
3. We will meet with you and your child to hear their story, answer questions, and talk about baptism.
4. When your child is ready, we will help your family prepare and celebrate this next step.

THIS IS A CONVERSATION We'll hear your child's story, answer questions, and talk together about their next step.