

Family Baptism Guide

Dear Parent,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss Baptism with your child. This is a significant step in a child's walk with Christ and we want you as a parent to have the primary role of discipling them through this decision. Please review the packet entirely before discussing it with your child, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Brandon, CJ, or Heidi.

Baptism is an outward expression of what has already taken place on the inside. Beyond this, it is a chance for a Christian to share his or her testimony with the church congregation and rejoice together in what God has done. Please use this as a guide to your conversation. Don't use this time to simply complete a task, but to disciple your child, even if that might mean deciding to wait on baptism for a while.

We believe that if a child can clearly answer the following questions, then he or she is ready for baptism:

1. What must we believe to be saved?
2. Why are you getting baptized?
3. Is baptism necessary for salvation?
4. What does baptism symbolize?

If you believe your child is ready for baptism, then we would like to meet with them! Please contact CJ or Heidi to set up an appointment in which we will meet with both child and parent to discuss baptism and schedule a weekend for the child to be baptized.

God bless you as you lead your child through this exciting decision,

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Directions: As you talk through this packet together with your child, have them write in their answers or have them dictate their answers to you as you write them.

Salvation

1. What do people have to do before they get baptized?

Read the verse below and circle or highlight what people did BEFORE they were baptized.

Acts 2:41a “Those who believed and accepted his message were baptized...”

Parents: You must be saved before you are baptized.

Salvation means that you:

1. Admit you are a sinner (Romans 3:23)
2. Believe Jesus' death paid for your sins and saved you (Romans 10:9-11)
3. Choose to follow Jesus by obeying His commands (John 14:15)

Read these verses about what it means to be saved and after reading each share what the verse means with your parent:

1. What is sin? (1 John 3:4)

2. What is the punishment for sin? (Romans 6:23a)

3. Do you admit that you are a sinner?

4. How many people have sinned? (Romans 3:23)

5. What is the gift God gives us? (Romans 6:23b)

6. Do you choose to follow Jesus by obeying His commands?

Maybe you have believed in Jesus as your savior for some time, or maybe it was last week. Either way you have a story, and people want to hear it! Mom and/or Dad, spend a few minutes sharing the story of how you became a Christian (your testimony) with your child. Then ask your child to share their story with you and write it below.

Baptism Labeling Activity

Read the questions with your child and look up the corresponding passages together to find the answer. Write the answer to the questions on the labeling sheet on the back. Color the page when you are done.

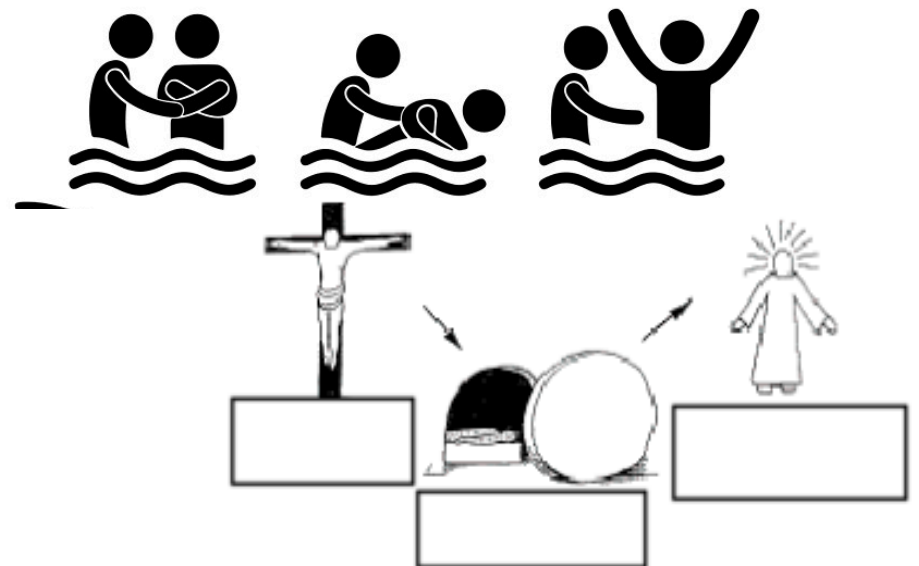
1. Who can baptize you? (Matthew 28:18-20)
2. Why should we be baptized? (Mark 1:9, Matthew 28:19-20)

3. Why do people come to watch you be baptized? (Matthew 10:32)
4. What does it symbolize to go under the water and come out when we get baptized? (Romans 6:3-4)

For Parents:

1. (Matthew 28:18-20) Another believer in Jesus can baptize you.
2. (Mark 9:1) Jesus was baptized and we should follow His example. (Matthew 28:19-20) Jesus commanded us to.
3. (Matthew 10:32) When we are baptized, we are showing others that we have decided to follow Jesus.
4. (Romans 6:3-4) When we go under the water, it symbolizes Jesus' death and burial. When we come out of the water, it symbolizes Jesus' resurrection.

Baptism Symbolism directions: Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 together and label what baptism means according to this verse.





Scan the QR code below to watch a quick recap video on baptism. You can also type in the web address below:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BQ-H8v3hP4>

Baptism- God's Story



REVIEW these concepts with your child:

1. Why should people get baptized?
2. What do people have to do before they get baptized?
3. What is baptism a symbol or picture of?

Congratulations on completing the baptism packet! If you feel that you are ready and want to be baptized please fill out the information below:

Child to be baptized: _____

Parent of Child: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this, I agree that my child and I have gone through this packet together and I believe my child is ready to be baptized at Life Community Church.

Video Interview

You will be asked 4 questions in your video interview. Feel free to practice these ahead of time.

1. What is your name and how long have you been coming to Life Community Church?
2. Who is Jesus?
3. How has following Jesus changed your life?
4. Why do you want to be baptized?