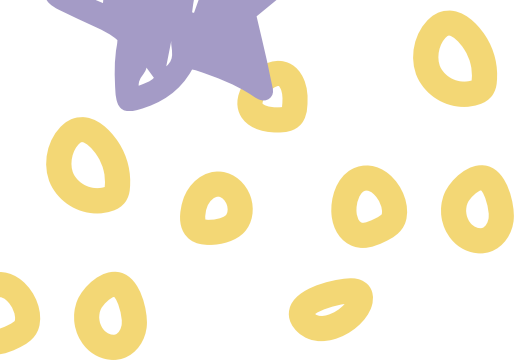
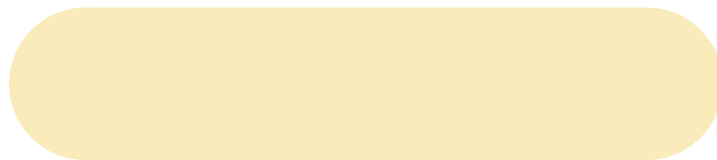




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BAPTISM GUIDE

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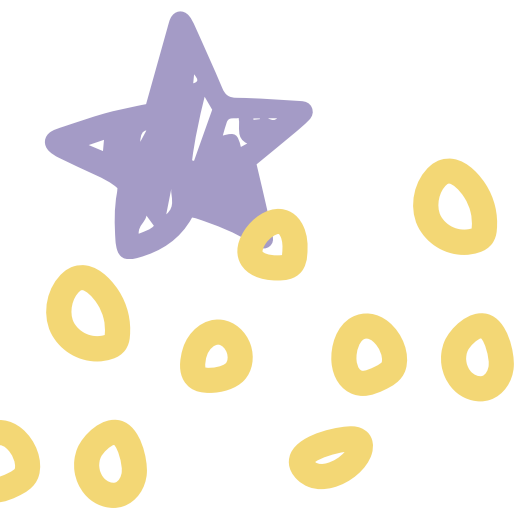


Am I ready to be baptized?

This booklet is intended to help kids understand what it means to be saved and baptized, so that they can decide if they are ready to be.

It will help prepare them for the process as well as document this exciting step. We encourage parents to sit and talk with their child as they fill this out, but it is important to remember this is your child's faith and it is their decision. While it is encouraged to talk to them during this, we want the answers to be the child's in order to make sure they truly understand and are ready.

If you or your child have any questions please feel free to email our Children's Pastor, Sabrina Batarsesh, at sbatarsesh@newhopegc.com.



Part 1: Salvation Jesus saves us

Why do I need to be saved?

The Bible teaches us that everyone has sinned (Romans 3:23). Sin is anything we think, say, or do, that breaks God's rules, or makes Him sad.

Find and read Romans 3:23 in your Bible.

Sin separates us from God. God is perfect and can't be around sin. When we sin we can no longer be with God. He is perfect and has to punish sin. The Bible teaches us that the punishment for sin is death. We will be separated from God forever. This is bad news. No matter how good we are, it's not good enough. That means that every person is going to be separated from God forever in a place called Hell. But there is good news...

There is a way to be saved from that! Jesus is the only way to be saved from being separated from God forever.

Jesus took the punishment for us. He came and died on the cross and took our sin so that we can be forgiven. He was willing to get in trouble instead of us. Jesus is the Son of God and is perfect. He never sinned. He didn't have to die for us, but He loved us so much that He did. He died and three days later He rose again!

Example story: Pretend that you are in trouble and your parents sent you to your room. Then before you went to your room, your friend came and said that they loved you so much that they would go to your room instead of you. That's what Jesus did for us. He took the punishment for us so that we would be saved from it.

This is good news! We don't have to be separated from God forever. We can be with Him in Heaven!

Find and read John 3:16 in your Bible.

Jesus is the only way to Heaven. There is no other way (John 14:6).

Part 1: Salvation Jesus saves us

How do I become saved?

It's as easy as **A, B, C!**

A - Admit that you are a sinner. We need to admit that we have sinned. We need to confess and tell God that we have broken His rules and that we have messed up. We need to ask to be forgiven.

B - Believe that Jesus died for you. We need to believe that Jesus took the punishment for our sin and that we are forgiven. We need to believe that He is the only way to Heaven. We need to believe that He died on the cross for our sin.

C - Choose to follow Him. We need to choose to follow Him. We need to agree to do things His way from now on. We need to decide that we are going to follow Jesus now.

Find and read **Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 John 1:9; and Romans 10:9** in your Bible.

My Response

What do we need to do in order to be saved? Go ahead and fill in your answers.

A - _____

B - _____

C - _____

Have you ever prayed the A, B, C's?
(Circle One)

YES or NO

If you circled YES:

When did you do it? _____

Who have you told about it? _____

How are you different from before you prayed to become saved?

If you circled NO:

Would you like to pray those things right now? You can say them in our own words or you can pray this prayer, believing with all your heart.

Dear God,

I admit that I have sinned. I know I have done things that break your rules. I am sorry. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus died and rose again to take away my sins. I believe that He is the only way to heaven. I want to do things your way now. I'm going to follow you from now on. Please fill me with your Holy Spirit. In Jesus name, amen.

Part 2: Baptism

Showing people Jesus saved us!

What is baptism?

Baptism is when you get dunked under the water. You stand there and one of the pastors says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Then, while you plug your nose, they lean you back into the water and pull you right back out. It's just like how you would dunk an Oreo in a glass of milk. It's fast.

Does getting baptized save me?

No, baptism does not make it so you can go to heaven. Jesus is the only way to heaven. We need to believe in Him. Baptism shows everyone that we are already saved. It shows everyone that we have chosen to follow Jesus who is the only way to Heaven.

Why should I get baptized?

Baptism shows people the decision you have made. When you are saved you become a new creation. You are a brand new person on the inside. The Holy Spirit comes and lives in you. Baptism shows this change. When we go under the water it shows us dying to the old and when we rise up from the water it shows us as a new creation. Another reason to be baptized is God says that we should be baptized. Jesus was even baptized. We should be baptized to obey God and show everybody that we are a new creation.

Find and read 2 Corinthians 5:17 in your Bible.

When should I get baptized?

You should get baptized after you become a Christian. Once you have decided to follow Jesus the next step is to be baptized. You should be baptized as soon as you are ready to tell everyone, "I believe Jesus has saved me from my sin and I want to follow Him!"

Find and read Acts 8:12 in your Bible.

Are you ready to get baptized?

If you want to get baptized fill out this next section and talk to Pastor David. If you aren't ready yet, that's okay too. God will wait until you are ready and have made that decision to follow Him.

Part 3: My Story

Showing people that Jesus saved ME!

I know I have been saved!

Answer these questions in your own words. How do you know you are saved? When did it happen? Who were you with? How did you feel? What Bible verse helps you know you are saved?

MY INFO

My Name: _____

I am _____ years old.

When Would you like to be baptized? _____