



# BAPTISM

Has your child expressed an interest to get baptized or have they recently believed in Jesus and you are wondering if they are ready to be baptized? We have created this guide to help you and your child move toward baptism with confidence and excitement.

## UNDERSTANDING BAPTISM

Baptism is one of the first steps we take in our relationship with God. Baptism doesn't save us, but it does show others that we have a relationship with God. When we are dipped back in the water, we are showing that Jesus died in our place and was laid in a tomb. When we are lifted out of the water, we show that we are alive in Christ and forever changed by Him. Because of what it symbolizes, baptism is only for those who have believed in Jesus. That's why we don't baptize babies, but we do encourage all kids and adults who have believed in Jesus to be baptized. After we are baptized, we continue to grow in our love for and obedience to God.

## IS MY KID READY TO BE BAPTIZED?

If your child has believed in Jesus, baptism is their next step. Sometimes, our kids are ready to take this step before we are. They believe in Jesus and want to show others their faith by getting baptized, but as parents, we want to make sure that they are ready and are making a decision that they fully understand. To grow in comfort and confidence, we encourage parents to talk to their kids about what they believe and why they want to get baptized. Use these questions as a guide to determine if you are comfortable with your kid getting baptized?

- What do you believe about Jesus?
- Why do you need Jesus to be your Savior?
- When you are baptized, what are you showing everyone around you?
- Why does Jesus want us to get baptized?
- What should you do after you are baptized?

If your child understands what Jesus has done for them and the significance of baptism, we encourage you to plan to get them baptized as soon as possible.

## WHEN CAN WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM AS A FAMILY?

Parkway Church has scheduled baptisms on the last Sunday of every month. All Star Kids will have kids-centered baptisms on the last Sunday in October and the last Sunday in April each year. Invite your friends and family to join you for your baptism so that they can celebrate with you. In the future, when you see people get baptized celebrate with them and remember the day that you were baptized.

Need further information? Check out this video Mike and Kristi created to help families know about this next step, <https://vimeo.com/parkwaychurch/baptism>.

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moments,  
& milestones**  
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“Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always even to the end of the age.” **MATTHEW 28:19-20**

“Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.” **COLOSSIANS 2:12**

