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# Water Baptism For Kids

## Who should be baptized?

Every person who has made the decision to follow Christ can and should be baptized!

*Acts 2:41; Acts 8:13*

The one requirement for baptism is belief in Christ! It's important for a person who is getting baptized to understand what it means to be a Christian. We need to understand...

- That God loves us.
- That we have all sinned.
- That Jesus died for us.
- That we can choose to live for Him!



## Why get baptized?

- Because you want to follow Christ's example. *Mark 1:9*
- Because Christ commanded it. *Matthew 28:19-20*
- Because it shows you are a believer. *Acts 18:8*
- Because obeying Christ's command shows you know Him. *John 2:3*

## What does baptism mean?

The word "baptize" means "to dip under water". Baptism tells a story...

- It is a symbol of, or tells the story of, Christ's burial and resurrection. *1 Cor 15:3-4*
- It is a symbol of your new life as a Christian. *Romans 6:4*

## What does baptism do?

Baptism does not make you a Christian, it shows that you already are one! Baptism does not "save" you, only faith in Christ does that. Think of baptism like getting a blue ribbon for winning a race. The blue ribbon does not make you the winner, it just shows people who the winner is. Getting baptized doesn't make you a Christian, but it shows people that you already are one.

## How can I get baptized?

If you are interested in getting baptized, here are the steps to take:

- Talk to your parents/guardians first. Then have your mom or dad contact Pastor Tiesha to confirm your desire to be baptized.
- Participate in a baptism class, a class for kids about salvation, baptism, and what it means to grow as a follower of Jesus. This class is for kids who desire to get baptized or for those who just want to learn more about it. These classes will be scheduled as the need is there.
- You will be given some homework to do after the baptism class. This will include writing out your testimony, or story, about how you came to be a Christian and what that means to you.
- Participate in an interview with Pastor Tiesha with your parents/guardians. This is an opportunity for Pastor Tiesha to talk with you about your understanding of salvation and your desire to be baptized.
- Confirm the date of your baptism! On the day of your baptism, you will be asked to share your testimony, either by reading it or recording it ahead of time on video. The church will be celebrating with you as you publicly declare that you are a follower of Jesus!



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