

What is baptism and what does it mean?



Explain: When you're baptized, you go all the way under the water and come back up.

This symbolizes:



Washing away all the dirty stuff – our sins

Titus 3:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17



Christ's death, burial, and resurrection

Colossians 2:12

Does being baptized mean you'll never sin again?



Explain No. Because you believe in Jesus and have the Holy Spirit in your heart, you don't live a life that chooses sin anymore, but that doesn't mean you won't continue to make mistakes (sin) sometimes! Only Jesus lived a perfect life.



Read and discuss 1 John 1:8-10 with your child to help them understand this concept better.

Why do you want to be baptized?

Your child's answer should have something to do with wanting to show God that they love Him and to show other people that they've made the decision to ask Jesus to be the leader of their life.

Some children think that baptism is the same as salvation; we want to make sure your child understands the difference. It may be helpful to use the wedding ring analogy - wearing a wedding ring doesn't make you married, it just shows your spouse and other people that you are.

Note – This is the most important thing for a child wanting to be baptized to understand. Baptism doesn't save them, Jesus did that when He died on the cross.

Baptism doesn't give them a friendship with God, this happened when they confessed their sins and asked Jesus to be the Lord of their life.

**TODAY, _____
MADE A DECISION TO BE BAPTIZED.**