

BAPTISM

For Kids



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ALLIANCE CHURCH



Who should be baptized?

Followers of Jesus should be baptized.



What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?

Each of us has stain on our life called _____.

The Bible tells us that _____ have sinned (Romans 3:23) and that the penalty for sin is _____ (Romans 6:23).

The good news is that Jesus paid the penalty for our _____ by dying on the cross (Romans 3:25).

God wants to give us his forgiveness as a gift. It is called the gift of _____ (Ephesians 2: 8,9).

When we invite _____ into our _____ we become a follower of Jesus. (John 1:12)



Have you invited Jesus into your life and become a follower of Jesus?

- ☐ Yes, I have invited Jesus into my life.
- ☐ No, I have not invited Jesus into my life.
- ☐ I have not yet invited Jesus into my life but I would like to do that today.

You can invite Jesus into your life right now by praying a prayer like this:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving me enough to die on the cross for my sin.

I know I do wrong things. Please forgive me.

I invite you to come into my life.

I give my life to You and promise that I will follow and obey You. Thank you for forgiving me. Amen.



How can you know for sure that Jesus is in your life?

But if we confess our sins to him, he can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. (1 John 1:9)

Who made this promise to us? _____

WHAT?

What is baptism?



Use this symbol key to help fill in blanks.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y	Z				

1. _____ that I am a follower of Jesus.



2. Public _____ that I have decided to



follow Jesus.

3. Celebration of a _____ that has taken



place in my life.

WHERE?

Does the Bible say where to be baptized?



The Bible gives us many examples of baptism. For each verse determine **WHO** was baptized and **WHERE** they were baptized.

Matthew 3:13-15

Who?

Where?

Acts 9:18

Who?

Where?

Acts 2:41

Who?

Where?

You can see that **WHERE** we are baptized is not as important as **THAT** we are baptized. However, it appears that baptism is always a public act that is observed by other people.

Baptism may be done in a river, lake, church baptism tank or any other public place.



When should I be baptized?

The Bible has no specific examples of children being baptized so figuring out an age when a child should be baptized is a little tricky. The Bible does say that after a person decides to follow Jesus sincerely, the next step is baptism.

 **Read Acts 8:12 (NIV) to fill in the blank.**

But when they _____ Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

At Cochrane Alliance Church we encourage children to wait until:

- They are old enough to believe the good news of Jesus.
- They understand the true meaning of baptism.
- They can share about their decision to follow Jesus.
- They can tell why baptism is what they would like to do next.

This often occurs around 9-10 years old.



Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks.

1. The _____ to be baptized is a

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_____ choice.

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2. People may encourage you to be baptized,

but it is a decision that you should make because

the _____ _____ is putting the thought in

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your _____ and _____, not because

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you want to please another person.

3. Baptism is a _____ to follow Jesus

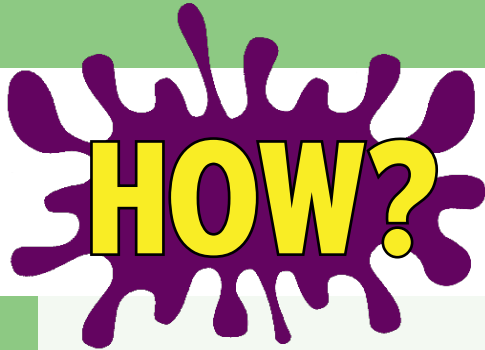
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for your whole life, so you want to be sure that it is

a decision that you take seriously

Answer Key:

1. decision, personal 2. Holy Spirit, heart, mind
3. commitment



How should I be baptized?

Read the following Bible verses:

John 3:23

Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptized.

Acts 8:35-39

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."



Check off the answers to the questions below after reading the Bible verses on the previous page. There might be more than one correct answer!

Baptism requires:

- ☐ Sand
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Fire

Usually baptism happens by:

- ☐ Immersing your whole body in water
- ☐ Getting rained on
- ☐ Splashing in the waterpark

Baptism can be done by:

- ☐ A pastor
- ☐ Someone who has helped you know Jesus
- ☐ The person who served you at DQ

Baptism waters can be:

- ☐ The baptism tank at church
- ☐ A lake or body of water
- ☐ A hot tub or pool



Jesus commanded that disciples be baptized in the name of the

_____, _____,
and _____.

This helps us remember who has made the change in our lives and who we are following.



Why should I be baptized?



It's your turn. What is your story?

Part of the experience of baptism is sharing your story of what Jesus has done in your life.

1. When did you invite Jesus into your life?

2. How did it happen?

3. Is there a particular time or circumstance when you felt Jesus very close to you?

4. Why do you want to get baptized?


5. How will you stay strong in your commitment to follow Jesus your whole life?

6. Do you have a favorite verse or Bible story that encourages you?

**Take this with you when you talk with your pastor and you will have a great start to your story of following Jesus.
We call that your testimony.**

PREPARING

Preparing for Baptism

 Here is a review checklist to determine if you are ready for baptism:

- ☐ I have invited Jesus into my life.
- ☐ I want, with all my heart, to follow Jesus for the rest of my life.
- ☐ I have gone through the booklet and understand what baptism means.
- ☐ I have seen a person being baptized and I am courageous enough to take that step too.
- ☐ I have talked to my parent(s) and they have given me permission to be baptized.

Pray

Being baptized is one of the most important things you will ever do in your life.


Ask your parents and friends to pray that you will be free from fear and experience God's fullness, presence and blessing at this very special event in your life.

 Write down the names of at least three people you will ask to pray for you.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Invite Others

When you are baptized, you are telling people that Jesus is the leader of your life. People will be watching and listening.

 Write the names of at least four people you would like to invite to come and watch you being baptized.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

NEXT STEPS

What should I do next?

1. Talk to your pastor and tell her/him you want to be baptized.
2. Write your testimony (be sure to bring this to your meeting with the pastor).
3. Plan a meeting with your pastor to talk about Baptism.
4. Meeting date: _____

BAPTISM DAY

The next Baptism date is:

Congratulations
on making the best decision ever,
the decision to follow Jesus
and be baptized!



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