



I Want to Know More About

# Water Baptism

(Just for Kids)

From your Power House Friends  
and Valley Assembly



# First Things First...



## **A Word to Parents**

This booklet is written for you to use with your child as you open up a discussion about his or her relationship with God and his or her desire to be baptized. If after going through this material with your child, you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

## **A Word to Kids...**

### **When should I be baptized?**

The bible simply states to "...repent and be baptized."

You and your parents should discuss this together, but once you have made a decision to follow Jesus and give him your life, you should be baptized. For most kids, this happens sometime after age 7 or 8. Many times, kids much younger than this make a confession of faith, but we recommend waiting for baptism until the child can express in his own words what it means to be baptized.

### **What's next?**

We are glad you are interested in Water Baptism. It is an important and exciting step in being a follower of Jesus. If you have asked Jesus to be your forever leader, it is only natural that you would follow him in Water Baptism. Jesus was baptized in water, and we want to be like him in every way possible.

## **Words**

**on this page to know:**

- **Water Baptism**
- **Appointment**
- **Family Life Pastor**

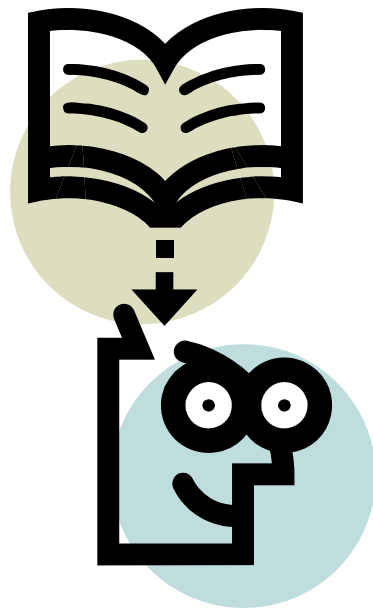
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## Continued...

Kids who are in grades 1-5 or younger need to make an appointment (with their parents) to meet with the Family Life Pastor (or the pastor whom you want to perform your baptism.) We will help you understand what Water Baptism is all about, and prepare you for what will happen when you are baptized. Be looking for announcements in the weekly bulletin for when the next Baptism is so that you can time this appointment well in advance of the baptism date.

## This booklet...

This booklet is arranged to help you understand three things:



1. Your decision to follow Jesus for a lifetime
2. What it means to be baptized in water
3. How you can grow as a Christian after you are baptized

Please read the following pages, and if you feel you are ready to be baptized, fill out the attached form and give it to the Family Life Pastor, a leader in Power House, or turn it in to the church office.

# The Romans Road

Here are some scriptures about how we are sinners in need of forgiveness of the wrong things we have done. These are good scriptures to commit to memory and highlight in your bible.

## **Romans 3:23**

for all have sinned  
and fall short of the  
glory of God,

## **Romans 6:23**

For the wages of sin  
is death, but the gift  
of God is eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our  
Lord.



## **Romans 5:8**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## **Romans 10:9-10**

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.  
10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

## **Romans 10:13**

for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

## **Words**

To on this page to know:

- **Wages**
- **Sin**
- **Confess**
- **Justified**
- **Saved**

# The ABCs of Becoming a Christian

Here are a lot of scriptures to look up about the three things you must do to become a Christ follower. Look up these scriptures and mark them in your bible.

## **A** **Admit**

Admit to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turn away from your sin.

- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23
- Acts 3:19
- 1 John 1:9

## **B** **Believe**

Believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

- John 3:16
- John 14:6
- Acts 4:12
- Romans 5:8
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- John 1:11-13

## **C** **Confess**

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

- Romans 10:9-10, 13

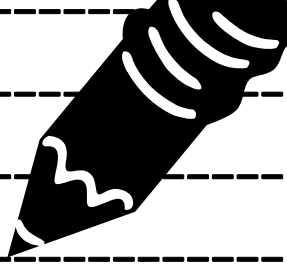
**Write...**

Your own  
"words to know"  
in this space:

# Your Turn Now...

**Use this space to write your own prayer  
to ask Jesus to be your forever leader.**

Dear God,

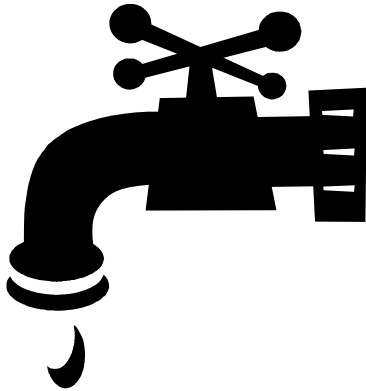


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Your friend,

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# You're All Wet!



**Kids, please read this with your mom or dad...**

The number one reason you should get baptized in water is because Jesus tells you to. Matthew 28:19 (NIV) says,

**“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”**

As Christians we need to obey what Jesus says.

Baptism is a symbol. A symbol is something that represents something else. In this case, baptism is something we do on the outside that shows what has happened in our heart.

**Baptism symbolizes three things:**

**1. DEATH.** When we are put under the water it is a symbol of our old selfish person being buried. The bible says that we are to be dead to sin:

***Romans 6:11* (NIV) In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

(This is why our church baptizes people by fully dunking them under the water.)



**2. BIRTH.** When we come out of the water, it shows a “new” person has been born.

***Romans 6:4 (NIV)*** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

**3. NEW LIFE.** Other people should be able to see that we are “new person.” We can see a good example of this is the things God has created...when a caterpillar builds a chrysalis and comes out a beautiful butterfly, the change is easy to see.

***II Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)*** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

**Baptism is a symbol of...**

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# And another thing...

Taking part in baptism is a time when we stand up in front of our family, friends and the entire church to show that we're choosing to obey God. If God is really important to us, we won't be ashamed to tell others about Him and what He has done for us.

**If anyone stands before other people and says he believes in Me, then I will say that he belongs to Me. Matthew 10:32.**

## **Kids:**

Make this a big event and invite your friends from school to watch you being baptized. You'll have an opportunity to tell them what you believe about Jesus!

## **Parents:**

Make this a big deal! Consider having a party before or after the baptism for all the nearby relatives. Invite them to come to church and witness this milestone event in your child's life.

Don't forget the camera! Feel free to take plenty of pictures (and video)—even during the ceremony. This is an event you'll want to relive with your child many times over!



# What baptism does NOT do...

## 1. Being baptized will not get you into heaven.

We can get to heaven only by putting our trust in Jesus.

**Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. John 14:6**

**God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Ephesians 2:8**

## 2. Being baptized does not wash your sins away.

**But if we are living in the light of God’s presence, just as Christ is, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin. 1 John 1:7**

## 3. Being baptized does not give you membership in a church.

Church membership is something you’ll consider when you are older. But if you’ve made Jesus your leader, you are now part of God’s forever family.

**Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. <sup>5</sup> His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5**

# Where do I go from here?

Getting baptized is only the **BEGINNING!**

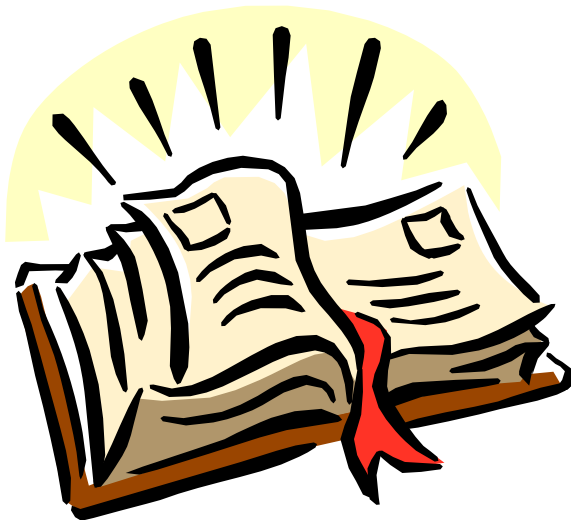
Now that you've decided to live your life like Jesus, just how do you go about it?

Just as your body needs good food to grow strong and healthy... your **SPIRIT** needs good food, too.

Where do you find that good food?

**...in the BIBLE, of course!**

There are many kinds of bibles available. When you're just getting started, it helps to choose one that's easy to understand. Make sure you get a good translation. We recommend either the New International Version (NIV) or the New Living Translation (NLT). While we use both of these in the Power House, we rely mostly on the NIV.



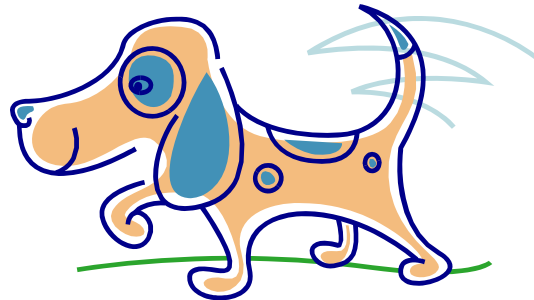
Here are three things to do to feed your spirit:

1. **Read** your bible.
2. **Pray**. This has two parts: talking to God and letting Him talk to you.
3. **Meet** regularly with other Christians.

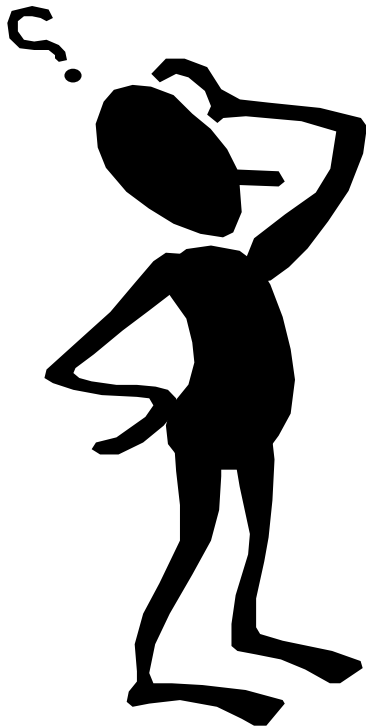
**Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another... Hebrews 10:25**

1. **Decide on the best time for you...**
  - a. Mornings before school
  - b. Evenings at bedtime
  - c. Just before dinner
2. **Try to make this time an appointment with God that you won't miss.** Make it your regular time alone with God.
3. **Set up a regular place for your alone time.**
  - a. A closet maybe?
  - b. Your bedroom
    - i. On your bed
    - ii. At your desk
  - c. Somewhere else in your house that is private
4. **Get rid of distractions.**
  - a. No TV, radio, magazine, books, phone calls, or electronic distractions
  - b. A soft worship CD or tape is okay for some people
  - c. Let your family know that this is your private time with God
5. **Gather everything you need**
  - a. Bible
  - b. Journal
  - c. Pen or pencil
  - d. Highlighter
  - e. Devotional books
6. **Do it everyday.**
  - a. If you skip a day, just begin again the next day
  - b. Spend extra time on Sundays
7. **Challenge yourself to spend minutes with God equal to the number of years you are old.** A 12 year old could spend...
  - a. About 4 minutes reading
  - b. About 4 minutes praying
  - c. About 4 minutes writing in a journal
  - d. Or most any combination of the above equal to 12

# The care and feeding of your private time with God...



# What can I expect when I get baptized?



## **Expect to get wet.**

- Wear clothing you don't mind getting wet.
- Dress modestly.
- Bring dry clothes to change into afterward.
- Bring a towel.
- Girls can bring hairdryers and grooming "stuff."

## **Expect that the baptism will take place near the end of the service, usually after the preaching.**

- You will be dismissed from the Worship Center in plenty of time to find your place "back stage."
- A parent may go back stage with you.
- You will be shown where to go during your appointment with your baptizing pastor.

## **Expect the water to be warm.**

- Usually, the water is heated to a comfortable "bathwater" level.

## **Expect to wait.**

- Others may be baptized before you, so there may be some waiting involved.

# FAQS

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What if I'm afraid of water?**

The pastor baptizing you will do everything he or she can to make you comfortable, including taking a "dry" walk through the process of how a baptism is done. You will be under water for a very brief time.

### **Do I have to speak in public?**

Usually, no. However, you will be asked to prepare your "story" and have it recorded to video. This is a fun process for most kids, and should take no more than a few minutes. The video taping can be done with your parents present and will be completed well in advance of your baptism date. Again, your baptizing pastor can help you with this.

### **I was sprinkled as a baby. Should I be baptized again?**

Our church believes (as you've already read in this lesson) that full immersion under water is the biblical way of baptizing a person. We also believe that each person should be baptized only after having made a decision for themselves whether or not they are going to follow Jesus. When you were a baby, someone else was making that decision for you. So, yes, we believe you should be baptized again.

### **Can I have a parent in the water with me? Can my Dad baptize me?**

In some cases, yes. Be sure to tell your baptizing pastor your desire for this in your interview.

### **What if I have a question that is not answered here?**

Feel free to call us at 924-0466 or email your questions to [valleyassembly@valleyassembly.org](mailto:valleyassembly@valleyassembly.org) or to your baptizing pastor.



**See next document for kids baptism  
application...**