

KIDS MINISTRY

WATER BAPTISM WORKBOOK

Baptism

Why should we be baptized?

We get baptized to obey God's Word & baptism is a way of telling God and the whole world that we choose to follow Jesus.

Jesus commanded us to be baptized. When people become a Disciple of Jesus, He says that they should be baptized.

Read Matthew 28:19.

Who are the people who should be baptized?

Write in the speech balloon what Jesus said in Matthew 28:19.

Matthew 28 :19



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Write down the phrase from the words in bold from the previous page.

1. People were always baptized this way

2. We go under the water because our whole life

3. We are acting out

4. Where was Jesus baptized?

5. Who can baptize you?



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How are we Baptized?

In the Bible, people were always baptized by **plunging them completely under the water** for a few seconds. That's why the Ethiopian man needed plenty of water to be baptized. The word "baptism" means "immerse in water", or "place the person right under water."

Why is this important? When we are baptized, we are saying that our whole life **is changed**. There is no part of us that does not belong to Jesus.

If we are acting out **the burial and resurrection of Jesus**, we need to go right down into the water, so that we are covered up, just like the grave.



When Jesus was baptized, He went right down into the **river Jordan**, and He was plunged under the water.

We need to be baptized the same way Jesus was baptized.

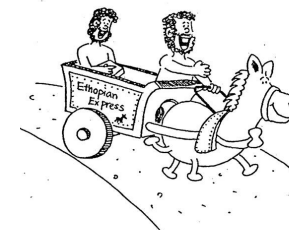


Your **pastor, leader, father or mother** can baptise you.

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In the Bible everyone who became a Christian was baptized soon afterwards.

Read the story of a man riding on a chariot in Acts 8: 26—40 and answer the following questions.



1. Who was this man?

2. Who came to ride with him?

3. What did they talk about?

4. What did the man decide to do?



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This is what you are saying to everyone when you are baptized.

1. God has saved me from my sins. I have not been specially and have not earned God's help. However, God chose to save me because He loves me.

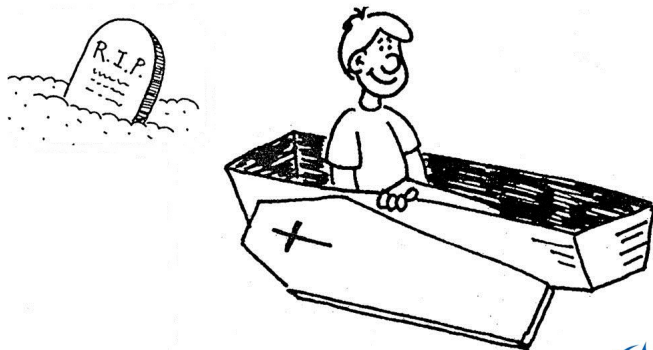
(Ephesians 2:8-9)

2. When Jesus died, He was taking away my sins. When He rose again, He was giving me a new kind of life that would last forever. When I go under the water, I am acting as if I died with Jesus. When I come up out of the water, I am acting as if I am entering into a new life. It is almost like a burial service followed by a resurrection.

(Romans 6:4)

3. From now on Jesus is your Lord and Master. He has the right to tell you what to do. If you love Jesus you will want to do what He says.

(John 14:21 & 23 —24)



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Your baptism is a very special day you will always remember. It is the day when you obeyed Jesus by doing what He did. Jesus Himself, was baptized and wants us to follow Him by being baptized too.

(Matthew 3 : 13—17)

When we believe in Jesus it happens in our hearts and minds. No one else can see it happen. When you are baptized, everyone who is there can see that you have decided to follow Jesus. It is a public way of saying to your friends and family that you have chosen Jesus as your Lord and Saviour.

Write the names of the different people you would like to be at your baptism.

