

Hey Parents!

This month in Kingdom Kids we will be learning all about the Holy Spirit. Our Wednesday night lesson is titled – Wind, Fire & Water. During Week 3 of this awesome series we will teach kids about the significance of water baptism. Some kids may come home with questions and we want you to be prepared with how to answer them and how to know if your child is ready to be baptized.

We believe every child can have a personal relationship with Jesus, and in Kingdom Kids we encourage them to make a decision to follow Him. Our children are encouraged to not just learn *about* Jesus, but to learn *from* Him by walking with Him every day.

We advise parents to wait until their child is asking to be water baptized. This is usually a good indication that they are ready to be baptized and that it will be a spiritual milestone in their life. Here are a couple of questions you can ask your child to help make sure they understand what it means to be baptized.

When did you decide to invite Jesus into your heart and make Him your boss?

Your child should have a specific memory of when he or she understood what Jesus did, and that he or she needs Jesus in their life. It may have been at church, at home, or even sometime when they were alone.

What does it mean to be baptized?

It means I'm following Jesus and I want to show the world. It's a picture of what Jesus has done on the inside of me.



We'd love for you to read through the water baptism devotional with your child and spur them on in their personal friendship with Jesus and encourage them to be baptized if they are ready!

Family Water Baptism Devotional

Jesus said, "So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have told you. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20 ICB

Kids should know that being baptized is not the same thing as being "born again," its not a way to get to heaven and it doesn't make God love you anymore than he already does.

Baptism is simply a way to let the world know you have made Jesus the boss of your life and you've chosen to follow Jesus. Cool right?

SO why the water? The water is just a symbol of what happens to us when we invite Jesus into our heart and ask Him to be the boss of our life!

Going under the water represents our old life (the life where we did things our way, instead of God's way) being washed away.

Coming up out of the water shows we are starting a new life with Jesus. We are choosing to follow Him and we want the whole world to know it!

Baptism happens this way because it's the same way Jesus did it! Read Matthew 3:13 as a family! And Because we want to follow Jesus in everything we do, being baptized is an important step to take after we make Jesus our Lord.

