



Children's Baptism Class

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Welcome!

WOW! Did you know that there is rejoicing in heaven when one person makes Jesus, Lord and Savior (Luke 15:7)?

Are you ready to begin a life-long journey of walking with Christ?

As you read through this packet, you will find answers to **FOUR KEY QUESTIONS** that will help you begin your new adventure with God.

As your baptism date approaches, choose a special time each day to read through one of the four **KEY QUESTIONS**. Use your Bible to look up the scriptures and ask a parent to read along with you.

KEY QUESTION NUMBER 1

Who is God?

Have you ever wondered who God is? The Bible, God's Word, tells us that there is one true God and He is Spirit (John 4:24). He doesn't have a body like you and me. That's why we can't see him, but he sees and hears and loves us. God is our Creator and He is everywhere. He made the world and everything in it --- mountains, oceans, animals, the sun and moon. God also made you and me. We are His most special creation and He loves us very much.

Read Genesis 1-2. Name a few of the wonderful things God has created:



The Father, The Son & The Holy Spirit

The Bible teaches about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All have a role to play in your life as a Christian.

The **Father** lives in heaven, but he is everywhere. He is holy and without sin. God, the Father, rules over all his Creation. He is in control of all things. He loves everyone.

Jesus is God's Son. He died for our sins and rose again. All people can have their sins forgiven if they trust in Jesus as their personal Savior. After Jesus rose from the dead, he went up into heaven. Now Jesus lives there with his Father, God.

The **Holy Spirit** came to earth after Jesus returned to heaven. He helps people to know that they are sinners. Then he comes to live in the hearts of those who trust in Jesus. The Holy Spirit will also help you understand God's Word, the Bible.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - make up what is called the Trinity.



KEY QUESTION NUMBER 2

Is Jesus Your Savior and Lord?

DID YOU KNOW...

1. God loves you and created you to have a personal relationship with Him.

- God _____ you (Psalm 139:13-14)
- God _____ you (John 3:16)
- God wants you to _____ him (John 17:3)

2. Our sin keeps us from having a personal relationship w/God.

- **What is Sin?** - God is holy and perfect ... and we are not. Sin is doing things that God says are wrong, or failing to do all that God wants. Sin is also an attitude of ignoring or rejecting God. Because God is holy, he cannot accept our sin.
- **Who has sinned?** (Romans 3:23) _____ has sinned. We cannot get rid of ____ by ourselves. We deserve to be _____ for our sins.
- **What happens when we sin?** (Romans 6:23) Sin causes a gap between God and us. Death, which means eternal separation from God, is the _____ for our sin. Only God can forgive us so that we will not be separated from Him forever.

3. Only through Jesus Christ can you have a personal relationship with God.

- **Why Jesus Christ?** (John 14:6; 2 Corinthians 5:21) Because Jesus was sinless He was the perfect payment for our sins, and no one can come to God apart from Him.
- **Why Did Jesus Christ have to die?** (I Peter 3:18; Romans 5:8) Jesus died to _____ the penalty for our sins, so we might be forgiven.



- **Why did Christ rise from the dead?** (I Corinthians 15:3-6) Jesus Christ rose from the dead to prove God could give us eternal life.
- 4. To begin a personal relationship with God, you must respond by trusting Jesus Christ as Savior (He saved you from your sins) and Lord (He is the head of your life)**
- You respond through _____ in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9).
 - You respond by turning to God from _____ (Acts 3:19).
 - You respond by receiving _____ (John 1:12).
 - Turn to God from your own way of living (repentance)
 - Invite Christ to come into your life and trust him to forgive your sin.
 - Allow God to direct your life. Receiving Christ is not just an emotional experience; nor is it just agreeing with your mind that Jesus is the Son of God. It means total trust, which is an act of your will.

Is Jesus your Savior and Lord? You can begin your personal relationship with God today. Simply express your faith by talking to Him. He knows what you mean even when it is difficult to talk. You may use the following prayer:

"Dear God, I know that my sin has separated me from you. I'm sorry for sinning against you. Thank you for sending Jesus your Son to die for my sins. I trust Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Please forgive me and place your Holy Spirit within me. Thank you for giving me eternal life. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Do you remember the date you first prayed this prayer? Write it here. You can also use today's date: _____ This is your Spiritual Birthday!



5. Your faith in Jesus Christ begins a lifelong relationship.

God commits himself to you.

God assures you that Jesus Christ has come into your life (John 14:20)

God will never leave you (Hebrews 13:5)

God completely forgives your sin (Colossians 2:13-14)

God assures you that you have eternal life (I John 5:13)

God gives you his Holy Spirit to enable you to live the Christian life (Galatians 5:25)

You commit yourself to God.

Put God in charge of your life (Colossians 2:6-7)



KEY QUESTION NUMBER 3

How Do You Live for God?

God tells us in His Word, the Bible, that there are four (4) special things He wants you to do now that you are a Christian. As you put Him in charge of your life more and more, practice doing these four (4) things every day.

- 1. Know God = love and put Him first! (Matthew 22:37-38) Your most important commandment from God is to love Him with your whole heart and prioritize Him in your life. You can know God better by:**
 - Praying, talking to God and telling Him you love Him (Philippians 4:6-7).
 - Reading the Bible every day. It is God's love letter to you (2 Timothy 3:14-17).
 - Going to church every week and spending time with other Christian kids (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 2. Grow in faith = become more like Jesus! (2 Peter 3:18) God wants you to grow spiritually, which means to be more like Jesus. The more you learn about Jesus, the more you will grow. You can grow to be more like Jesus by:**
 - Obeying God moment by moment (Luke 6:46-48).
 - Praying daily and having your own personal quiet time. He is your best friend, you can tell Him anything, and ask Him anything.
 - Studying your Bible by memorizing scripture, reading chapters and books, learning to understand what the Bible is teaching.
- 3. S.O.W. (Serve Others Well) = get into God's work! (I Peter 4:10) God wants you to get busy and serve others. He created you to do His**



work here on earth. You please God when you serve others with a kind heart. You can serve others by:

- Looking for kind things you can do for others.
- Getting involved with helping in the KidzLife ministry at church

4. **Go Share Christ = go and tell your story! (Matthew 28:19-20)** Telling other people about Jesus is sometimes called sharing the **GOOD NEWS** or the **GOSPEL**. The Bible tells you that God wants you to tell others about what Jesus has done for you (John 20:21). You can share Christ by:

- Telling someone else how Jesus came to be your personal Savior.
- Praying for those people who don't know Jesus as Savior.
- Inviting your friends and family to church.
- Living a life that makes God look good.



KEY QUESTION NUMBER 4

What Should You Do Next?

Once Jesus has become your Lord and Savior, God has two special activities that He wants all of His children to do. He wants you to take part in Baptism and Communion.

What is Baptism?

Baptism is something we are told to do in the Bible! It is a way to show others that you are a part of God's family and Jesus is the Savior of your life. It represents a change that has happened inside you, now that Jesus is your Savior. It is an outward display of an inward change. This is why you are baptized in front of other believers to show them the changes on the inside that have happened! People won't be able to see the change that has taken place, until your behavior, and your choices reflect what pleases God.

Read Matthew 3:13-17. Jesus was baptized and set an example for you.



What is Communion?

Communion which is also called the Lord's Supper is a special reminder or celebration of what Jesus did for you on the Cross. Once you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, you are welcome to join with the church and celebrate communion (which is eating the bread and drinking the juice).

Read about Jesus' last supper with His disciples just before His death in Matthew 26:26-28. Eating the small piece of bread or cracker helps you remember that Jesus died for YOU on the Cross. Drinking the juice reminds you of the blood Jesus shed when he died on the Cross for YOU (I Corinthians 11:23-26).

Congratulations! You have begun a life-long walk with Jesus. By completing this packet, you have taken giant steps towards getting started on your journey with God. Review this packet and reread the scriptures and never stop getting to know your Savior better!!!

