

WATER BAPTISM

What is water baptism and what does it mean?

Explain: When you're baptized in water, you go all the way under the water then come back up, and it symbolizes:

1. Washing away all the dirty stuff - our sins (Titus 3:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17)
2. Christ's death, burial, and resurrection (Colossians 2:12)

Does being water baptized mean you'll never sin again?

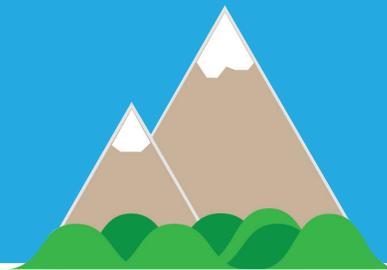
Explain: No. Because you believe in Jesus and have asked the Holy Spirit to come in to your heart, you don't live a life that chooses sin anymore, but that doesn't mean you won't continue to make mistakes (sin) sometimes! Only Jesus lived a perfect life.

Read and discuss 1 John 1:8-10 with your child to help them understand this concept better.

Ask: Why do you want to be water baptized?

Your child's answer should have something to do with wanting to show God that they love Him and to show other people that they've made the decision to ask Jesus to be the leader of their life. Some children think that water baptism is the same as salvation; we want to make sure your child understands the difference. It may be helpful to use the wedding ring analogy - wearing a wedding ring doesn't make you married, it just shows your spouse and other people that you are.

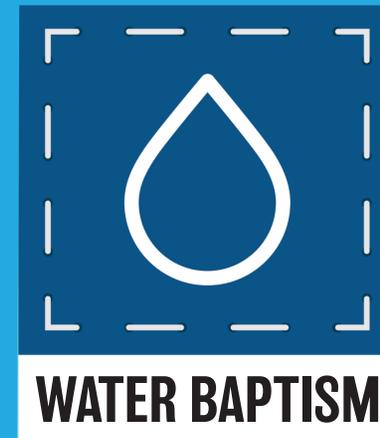
Note - This is the most important thing for a child wanting to be water baptized to understand. This baptism doesn't save them, Jesus did that when He died on the cross. This baptism doesn't give them a friendship with God, that happened when they confessed their sins and asked Jesus to be the Lord of their life.



If you feel your child doesn't fully understand salvation or the decision to ask Jesus to be the Lord or his or her life, we encourage you to use the Salvation Guide to discuss this further before registering for water baptism. You can find the guide and other resources at faithjourney.tv/salvation.

After talking through these discussion points with your child, if you feel he or she understands the decision to be water baptized you can register them by:

- Going online to lifepoint.org/baptism and clicking Kidspoint Water Baptism.
- Visiting the Guest Services environment at your campus and talking with a volunteer about registering.



As a new believer in Christ, your child should follow His example and obey His command to be water baptized (Mark 1:9, Matthew 28:18-20). Discuss this with your child and encourage him or her to be water baptized. Here are some additional things to talk about with your child in order to give better understanding and preparation for baptism.

