



# WHAT IS BAPTISM?

a coloring book that explains baptism,  
for kids and their parents!

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*Your child wants to be baptized! Whoa! As a parent or guardian, the moment your child reveals to you that they want to have a relationship with Jesus and share their new found faith with the whole church are huge milestones calling for celebration. In the midst of all this excitement, many parents will find themselves asking, "Well, where do we go from here?"*

*We are glad you asked. We are here to help you take the lead in guiding your child toward a lifetime full of discovery with Jesus Christ. But, first, we want to give you the right tools so that you can give your child a solid understanding about who Jesus is, what He has done for us, and why baptism matters. If your child believes Jesus is our Savior, that we have a really big, trustworthy God, and that the Bible is solid truth, then as a declaration of his or her faith, your child should be baptized!*

## **ACTS 2:38**

*Peter said, "Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away-whomever, in fact, our Master God invites."*

*This booklet is designed as an interactive story where you and your child each play a significant role. Throughout these pages, you will find coloring pictures, important conversation starters, and simple explanations covering all of the most important aspects of baptism.*

*Let's get started!*

God is writing a really big story, and if we choose to believe in God and his Son, we all get a really important role to play. In this story, there's only one super hero, Jesus Christ!

# SAY WHAT?

## CONVERSATION STARTER

1

DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS SAVES YOU  
FROM OUR SINS?  
(OR)  
WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS DID FOR YOU?

ANSWERS

2

DO YOU WANT TO TRUST GOD NO  
MATTER WHAT?

YES

NO

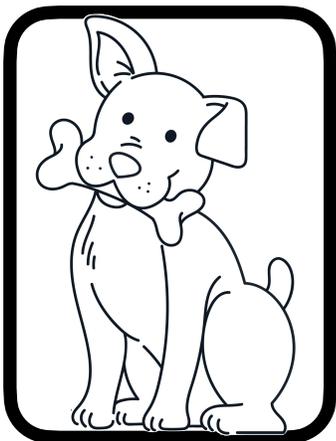


Jesus came to the earth with one goal. You see, He knew that our behavior would never be good enough to ensure we could have a relationship with God on our own. Jesus paved the way to eternal life by accepting the punishment for our sins; and, His sacrifice means we get to enjoy an awesome life with our awesome God.

Think of it this way, have you ever received a super special gift? Think back to your last birthday or maybe to last Christmas. What is the one gift you thought you could not live without?

ANSWER

What happens when your family cannot afford the gift that you are dreaming about? Well, sometimes you have to work and save up the money to buy it, right? So, let's pretend you wanted the latest and hippest electronic device. You start walking all of the neighbors' pets. You mow grass. You clean the house twice each night! You do your families' dishes and then you go over to your grandparents' house and do their dishes as well.



You save every dollar you earn and you are always on the lookout for a spare penny someone may have dropped on the sidewalk. You work, and you work, and you work, but you never seem to come close to paying the full price for the electronic device.

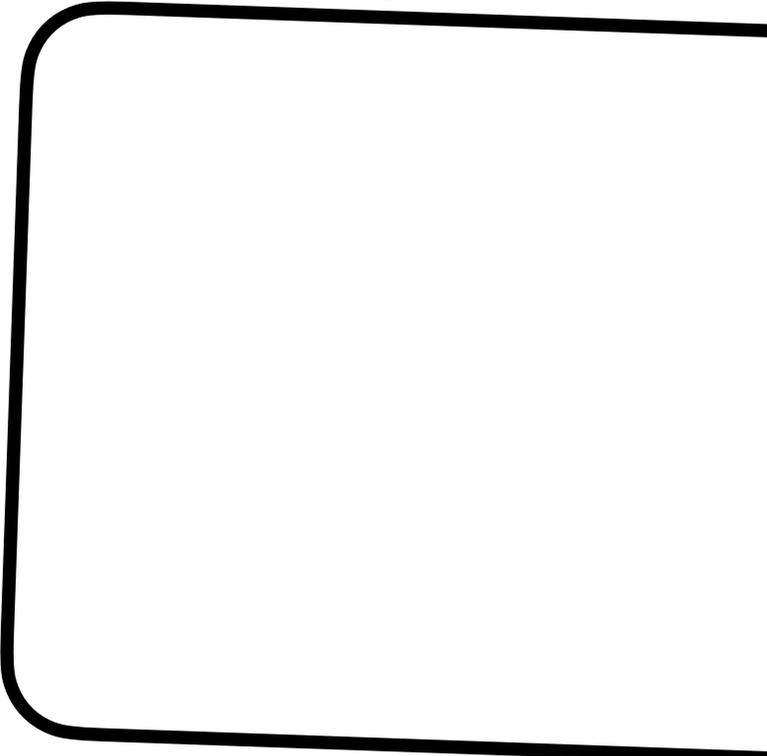
Without you knowing, your parents go and buy you this gift and pay for it by selling some of their most prized possessions!



How would you feel if someone surprised you with a gift you tried to earned but you could not earn it all by yourself?

## **HOW WOULD YOU REACT?**

Draw a picture of yourself reacting to this special gift. Would you be able to keep this gift a secret or would you want to text your friends, running around the neighborhood screaming about it?



Jesus gives us incredible gifts: eternal life, freedom, love, grace. When we receive gifts like these, there is no way you can keep quiet!

You will want to shout out **LOUD** from the rooftops!

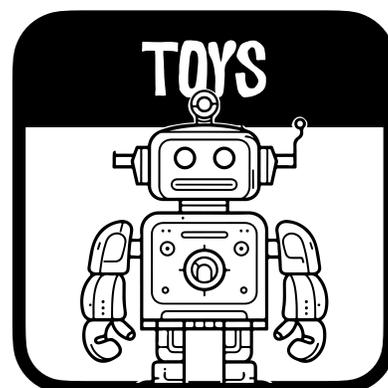
One way we tell our family, friends, and church that we want to follow Jesus is by getting baptized.

## WAIT A MINUTE!

Who can be baptized? Is this only for adults and teenagers? Can a kid, like me, be baptized?

Put an **X** on anything that **CAN'T** be baptized

Absolutely! Baptism is for people (not animals or objects!), young and old alike, who believe Jesus saves us from our sins, trusts Him with their whole lives, and wants to obey God by doing what He wants them to do! Jesus set the example for us when, in Matthew 3:13-17, Jesus asked John the Baptist to baptize Him. John objected. Shouldn't Jesus be the one baptizing him? Jesus insisted, and through this baptism, God revealed Jesus' true identity as His son. Jesus trusted God, and was baptized to show His trust to other people. We are commanded by God's Word to follow in his footsteps. You see, baptism does not save you, but it does show people that Jesus is an important part of your life.



# COME AGAIN?

## CONVERSATION STARTER

1

**WILL YOU BE SAVED IF YOU ARE BAPTIZED?**

**YES**

**NO**

2

**WHY DO BELIEVERS GET BAPTIZED? WHAT'S THIS ALL FOR?**

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ANSWERS



*Remember we told you God is writing a great big story? Well, we want to hear your chapter. Tell us your story! Sharing the story of how Jesus changed your life is a really big deal! Your story has the ability to inspire many, many others to follow Jesus too. So, what do you say? Will you tell us your story?*

*Use the comic strip on the next page to tell us the story of how you came to accept Jesus as your Savior.*

### **MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE:**

- 1. When you accepted Jesus**
- 2. The names of people who helped you**
- 3. Where you were**
- 4. What your life was like before and after you met Jesus**
- 5. Why you want to be baptized**



# MY STORY



# i AM READY!

*If you believe Jesus saves you from sin and you want to trust Him with your whole life, you are ready to be baptized! But, sometimes, baptism can be a bit terrifying if you do not know what to expect. So, we are going to walk you through the process.*

*First things first, you will be baptized in water. The word "baptize" actually means to put in water. So, just as John the Baptist baptized Jesus, you will be dunked completely under the water and then brought back up. This symbolizes what Christ has already done for you through His death, burial, and resurrection. He washes your sins away and brings you new life!*

*You will not be in this alone. You will be baptized by someone you trust like your small group leader, or a pastor. Don't worry, you will **NOT** be thrown into a dunking machine!*

*Since baptism is a public declaration of your faith and trust in Jesus Christ, you will most likely be baptized in the big room where your friends, family, and your church can cheer you on!*



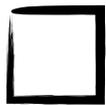
# HEY PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

*If you have accepted Christ as your Savior and you have not been baptized, you may want to consider taking this step with your child. Getting baptized together is a powerful way to connect with your child through your shared faith.*

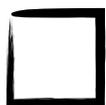
## HERE ARE YOUR NEXT STEPS:



*1. Visit [ncchapel.com/baptism](http://ncchapel.com/baptism) and fill out a baptism interest form or fill out a Next Steps card in the Sanctuary seatback or Next Steps area.*



*2. Upon receiving a call from someone at the church, you will schedule your baptism and someone will walk you through how to capture your story. See application for more details.*



*3. Invite others! Here are some postcards you can send out to family members and friends so that they can be present to see your baptism! Be sure to give them plenty of notice about your big day!*

*We would love to see your child's story comic strip.  
Please share it with us on Facebook  
or Instagram. @ncchapelkids*



