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IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR BAPTISM?

A CONVERSATION GUIDE
FOR PARENTS

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We hope these questions and scriptures will help you speak with your child about faith and baptism. This is not a comprehensive list, but it can help you assess your child's understanding and interest in moving forward in relationship with Christ. If at any point you'd like some pastoral guidance, please don't hesitate to contact us!

1. Who is Jesus?

Fully God Colossians 1:15-20; John 8:54-59

Fully Human Hebrews 2:14-18

Only Son of God John 3:16-17

Way, Truth and Life of God John 14:6

Christ & Lord Philippians 2:5-11; Acts 2:36

2. What is sin; who is a sinner?

Beginning with the first humans, everyone has done things against God's plan

Genesis 3; Romans 3:10-12, 23

Sin has messed everything up and leads to a forever death

Romans 6:23; Genesis 6:3; Ephesians 2:1-3



3. What did Jesus do for us?

Died on the cross... 1 Corinthians 15:2-4

...showing us God's love 1 John 4:8-10

...taking our sins 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

...beating Evil & Death Ephesians 6:12;

Colossians 2:13-15; Hebrews 2:14

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

4. How can we be saved?

It is a gift received by belief in Jesus

Romans 3:22-26; Ephesians 2:8-9;

1 John 5:10-12

Claim Jesus as Lord & believe He is alive

Romans 10:9-11

Turn away from sin and be baptized

Acts 2:37-39

5. What is Christ & Lord?

The Christ (or Messiah) is the special

Savior God promised would come to save

His chosen people Genesis 3:15;

2 Samuel 7:12-16

The Lord is God, King & Ruler over

everything Hebrews 1:1-4;

Deuteronomy 4:35; Mark 12:29-31

6. What is baptism?

Being placed under water and lifted out again in the name of the Father & Son & Holy Spirit

Matthew 28:18-20;

Mark 1:9-11

A response to faith in Jesus & desire for the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:37-41

Dying with Jesus & resurrecting to new life in Him

Romans 6:1-4;

Colossians 2:9-15

Clothing ourselves with Christ by faith

Galatians 3:26-27

7. What about the Holy Spirit?

He rebirths us to new life

Romans 8:11;

John 3:5-8

He is God in us & with us

John 14:15-23;

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

He empowers us to live like Jesus & share Him with others

Acts 1:8;

Galatians 5:16-24

8. What about sin?

Jesus took our sin on the cross & when we confess and believe in Him, we are righteous

2 Corinthians 5:17-21;

1 John 1:7-2:1

Run from sin & the Holy Spirit will help

Romans 6:6-14; Romans 8:1-14



Think about the things you have learned from studying the scriptures and discussing the questions in this resource.

Do the following statements describe you?

1. Jesus the Christ is my Lord & Savior, and I want to love & obey Him forever. The Holy Spirit gives me the desire & ability to do this.
2. I need a Savior because of the sin that keeps me from relationship with God. I cannot earn His forgiveness & love; my sin has earned me a forever death.
3. The good news is that Jesus came, fully God & fully human, just like God promised in the scriptures. Jesus died on the cross in place of my sin, was raised from the dead & lives today to save all who turn from their sin and trust in Him.
4. My trust in Jesus is a gift from God, and I want to share my thankfulness for this gift by living for Jesus.
5. I understand baptism is a public confession, to the world and to the Church, of my surrender to Jesus as Lord, dying to my own ideas & sinful ways, resurrecting to new life with Christ by the power of the same Holy Spirit who raised Him from the dead.

At Valley Christian Church, any Sunday can be a baptism Sunday! We would love to meet with you and your child to assess their readiness for baptism.