

KidSteps

BAPTISM INFORMATION FOR KIDS

We want to partner with you to help you determine when your child is ready for baptism. The KidSteps Workshop is a tool we use to help. We discuss salvation and the purpose of baptism in an age-appropriate way. If you are ready to participate in the workshop, please scan the QR code below or go to faithpromise.org/kidsteps.

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IN KIDSTEPS WORKSHOP...

1. WE TALK

Salvation - how God made a way for us to be part of His family and what that means to your child.

Baptism - why Jesus was baptized and why it's important to us too.

2. YOU SHARE

Because YOU have the strongest influence over your child's spiritual decisions, we believe your journey is important to share.

We want to equip you with helpful language for the conversations you will continue to have about their faith.

3. DECIDE

Can they articulate when and how they made Jesus their Lord and Savior? This is a key step toward baptism.

Can they tell you why they want to be baptized? This is a valuable part of their faith development.

When a child can articulate their faith in Jesus, we will help you take the next step toward Baptism. If you're ready for the KidSteps Workshop, use the QR code below or go to faithpromise.org/kidsteps.

SALVATION CONVERSATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS

This milestone is exciting! And we want to help equip you to make the most of them. Flip the page for a tool to help you navigate the conversation about Salvation and Baptism with your child.

SALVATION CONVERSATION GUIDE FOR KIDS

This is an exciting time in a kid's life. They're starting to ask questions about their faith. They're wondering about God and His love for them. They may be asking a lot of questions about Jesus. Questions that you may struggle with yourself, or questions that may not have a simple answer, but that's ok. This is a starting point for your kid to begin a life-long conversation about faith. That's why we want you to "start here" with John 3:16. It lays the foundation for God's love for us that sent Jesus to be our Savior.

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WHAT TO SAY

1. GOD LOVED

God loved you before you were even born. He created you in His image and He loves you right now.

But there is something that separates us from Him. Something that keeps us from being with Him forever. It's called sin. It's the stuff we do wrong. Sin keeps us from living out the story that God wants for us. And on our own, we can't do anything about this. We need God to step in and help. But because God loved us, He made a way for all of us to live with Him forever.

Ask:

1. What is sin?
2. Have you even sinned? When?
3. What is the problem with sin?

2. GOD GAVE

God gave the most important, valuable, and perfect thing He had for you. He knew that our sin would keep us from living with Him forever.

We're apart from God and would stay that way, but because God loved us, He gave His son to fix that relationship. Jesus came to make a way for you to be in God's story. And Jesus gave us His life on the cross to pay for our sin. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead! His resurrection defeated death and makes a relationship with God possible again.

Ask:

1. What did God give us?
2. Why did God give this gift?
3. What did Jesus do for us?

3. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN JESUS

When you receive a gift what do you do? You open it. God said you could open His gift by believing.

Believing simply means to trust. It's a lot like sitting in a chair. When you sit in a chair, you put all your weight in it and trust that it will hold you up. That's what it's like to believe in or to trust in this gift.

To open the gift that God gave you, you trust Jesus with your whole life and rest in the fact that He died and rose again for you.

Ask:

1. How can you take part in God's Big Story?
2. What does it mean to trust in something?
3. How do you know God loves you?

WHAT NOT TO SAY

1. INVITE JESUS IN YOUR HEART

For kids, this phrase can be confusing. They're such concrete thinkers that it can worry them to think that someone is living inside their actual heart.

2. YOU HAVE TO PRAY LIKE THIS

Kids are going to express their faith with how they understand it at their age. Don't get hung up on the "right words" but rather the heart with which they pray.

3. ANY ANSWER YOU MAKE UP

Don't make up answers to questions you don't know yourself. "I don't know" is a legitimate answer to questions your kid has about faith. There's so much that we don't understand about how God works and how the Holy Spirit enter our life. And that's ok.