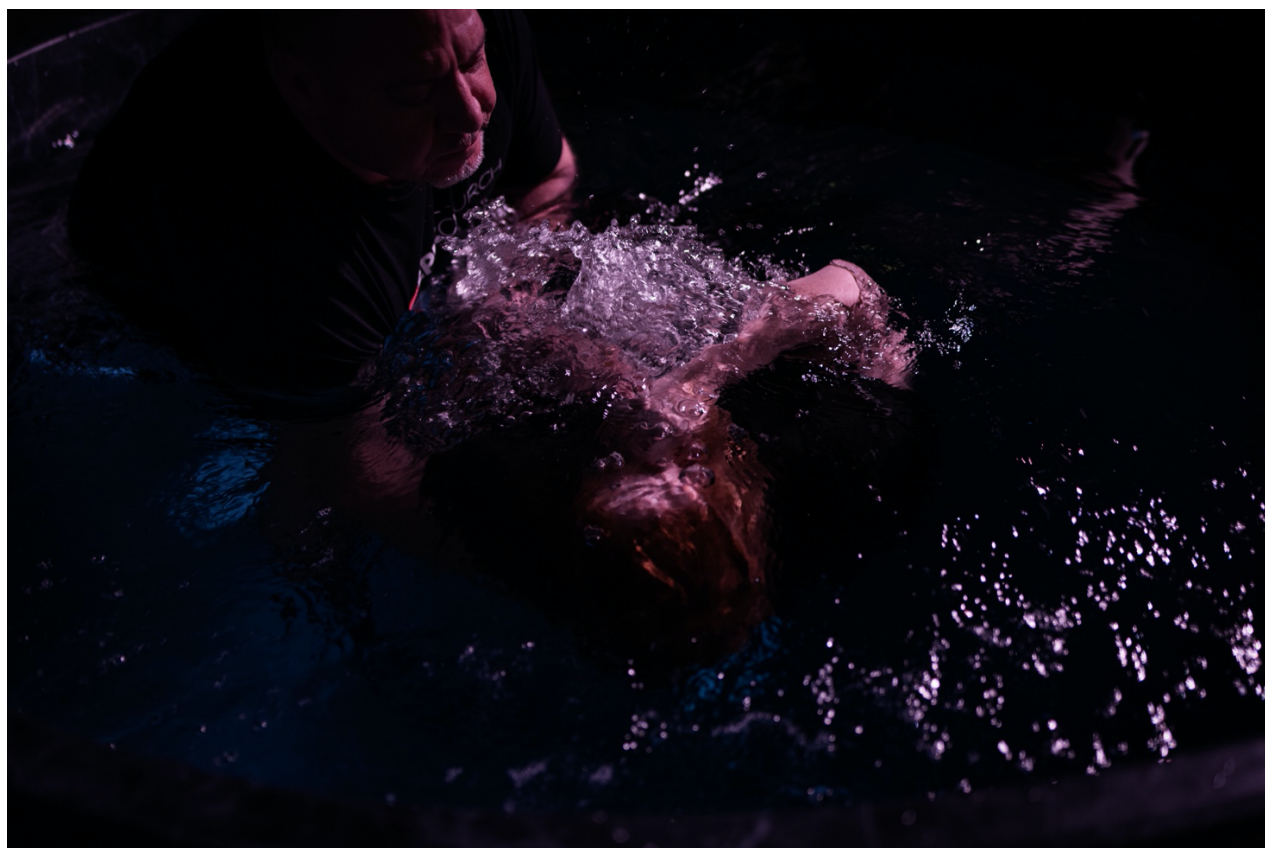




Parent + Child
Baptism Workbook



Kids Baptism at Epic Church

Dear Parents,

We're excited that you and your child are thinking about pursuing baptism! It was very important to Jesus, so we're happy that it's important to you as well.

We want to empower you to be the primary spiritual leader in your home. We don't want to take this teaching opportunity from you, so instead we want to help you!

This workbook is meant to be done with your child. It shouldn't take much time and it will give you good direction so you can do two things with confidence:

1. Teach your child about baptism
2. Determine if they're ready, or if they should wait a bit longer.

Once you have completed this workbook, we pray that you feel confident in your decision for your child's next step.

Parent Prep: Key Scriptures

You don't have to be a Bible scholar to teach your kids spiritual things! Here are some basics about baptism. Look over these before you sit down with your child.

Jesus told us to baptize his disciples (followers).

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

It's an outward sign of an inward commitment of faith.

¹² But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³ Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. Acts 8:12-13

It comes after conversion (new faith).

⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. Acts 2:41

Parent Prep: Q and A

Does a person have to be baptized to be saved?

No. Although there is no excuse not to be baptized, faith in Christ alone saves us.

What if I was baptized as a baby?

We would view that as a dedication, not a believer's baptism. There are different. We would invite you, if you've placed your faith in Christ, to be baptized as a sign of your faith.

Who should be baptized?

Everyone who puts their faith in Christ! Anyone who confesses with their mouth and believes with this heart that Jesus is Lord should be baptized.

What if I was baptized years ago but fell away? Should I be re-baptized?

No. We don't see anyone in the Bible being baptized more than once. You'll need to repent regularly for the rest of your life, but you don't have to be baptized again. That's why we caution parents with younger kids and want you to have this meaningful conversation with your child.

Parent + Child Bible Discussion

Parents, this is for you to sit down and have a discussion with your child. We suggest you don't just get their answer, but you tell them yours too. Take your time and do this together.

What is the Bible? What do you know about it?

What's your favorite story in the Bible?

What happened with Adam and Eve? What did they do?

What's the word for things that makes God angry or sad? (Hint: starts with s)

Can you remember any sins that you've done?

What happens to people who sin? Does God discipline them?

What did God do to rescue us and forgive us of our sin?

How do we get forgiveness from God? Do we just have to be good to make God happy?

When we go to church on Sunday we sing. Why?

What questions do you have about the Bible? What is confusing to you?

The Who and What of Baptism

Parents, this is meant to help you explain what baptism is. Use the discussion questions below and others that come to mind.

Who gets baptized?

Let's look and see:

Let's read the Great Commission together and see who is supposed to get baptized. Jesus said:

"Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

What is a disciple?

Who is the "them" in that verse? Who gets baptized?

Are you a disciple? Do you think you are?

What is Baptism?

The word "baptism" means "to put under water", but baptism is much more than that.

What happens when you get baptized?

The Why and Where of Baptism

Parents, here are more discussion questions for you.

Why do people get baptized? Should I?

We know the disciples are the ones who get baptized and being baptized mean someone else dunks you under water. But why?

Let's read Romans 6:3-5 to see why people get baptized: *"...That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace- a new life in a new land! That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus."*

So, what does that mean? Who are you being like when you get baptized?

Where do people get baptized?

Let's read Acts 2:41 to see where people get baptized:

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

Do people get baptized in front of other people or alone? What do you think baptism is done in front of people?

Child Quiz

Kids, this is for you to try without help!

1. Being baptized is which of the following?
 - A. something all kids do
 - B. for all kids whose parents go to church
 - C. for kids and adults who have decided to follow Jesus
 - D. for kids who are nice

2. Baptism is when you:
 - A. go to church and pray to God with others
 - B. get put under water because you love Jesus
 - C. sing worship songs
 - D. turn 9 years old

3. Jesus said that people should get baptized:
 - A. in order for God to love you more
 - B. because you can't go to heaven if you don't
 - C. even if you're unsure about it
 - D. to show others that you want to follow Jesus forever

4. I am ready to get baptized if:
 - A. I believe that Jesus died and came back to life
 - B. I trust Jesus has washed my sins away
 - C. I want everyone to know that I believe in Jesus
 - D. All of the above

Child Testimony

Kids, write your answers with no help at first.

Do you want to be baptized? YES NO

If you, why do you want to be baptized?

What does it mean to be a believer?

When did you become a believer?

Why did you say yes to Jesus?

Do you believe that Jesus died for your sin?

Do you want to follow Jesus the rest of your life?

Parent Assessment

Parents, we want to caution you here. It is very tempting to assume that your child is ready to be baptized. We'll leave it to your discretion, but here are a few things to consider before you say yes. You don't have to write your answers but think on these questions.

Does your child grasp the weight of their sin?

We think that most kids can't grasp it until they're in 1st or 2nd grade but there are exceptions.

Does your child understand Jesus' work to clear them of that sin?

Have you prayerfully considered your child's faith, and do you feel like baptism is the next step of their faith? Or should they wait?

Are you convinced that your child is making this decision because of their own faith, not because of pressure they feel from you or the church?

If the answer is YES to these questions, you can find your next steps on the next page. Please consider keeping this book to look back on this important time in your child's life.

Next Steps

If your child is ready for baptism, email epickids@epicchurch.tv to register and to get details for the next baptism Sunday.

If your child is going to wait to be baptized, don't worry! Keep praying for your child's faith and keep fostering that faith in your home until your child is ready to make this decision.

If you have any questions, please email us at epickids@epicchurch.tv.