

FROM

Salvation



to **Baptism**



This
Wordbook
Belongs
To...

MESSAGE TO THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

1. This Mill City Christian Church salvation guide is written to assist you in leading your child along the path toward salvation. It will clarify issues for elementary age kids who desire to be part of God's family.
2. Allow your kids to go through this material slowly and may need some assistance depending on their age.
3. It's important that kids understand why he or she needs to pray to receive Jesus. If he or she does not desire to do so, do not force a decision. Is wise to wait until he or she can verbalize his or her decision him or herself. Use words and terms that elementary kids understand. Your child should pray to receive Jesus because he or she wants to be right with God, not because it is expected. Pray often for him or her.
4. Help your child understand the following concepts:
 - God loves me
 - I am a sinner and I have done wrong things.
 - Jesus died on the cross for my sin and rose again three days later.
 - I can repent, turn away from my sins, ask God to forgive me of my sins and make me a member of his forever family.
5. Some children give answers because they have heard an adult say them, but they don't really understand the meaning yet. Use discernment with your child. If a child truly seems to have an awareness of his or her sin, wants to be forgiven and understands that only by receiving Jesus, will he or she go to heaven, then this child is ready to pray the salvation a prayer.
6. Interview your child with some basic questions to see what they already understand.
 - Is Jesus in your life?
 - How do you know that Jesus is in your life?
 - How did it happen?
 - Who was with you the day you invited Jesus into your life?
 - When did it happen?
 - Where did it happen?

1

WHY DO PEOPLE JOIN GOD'S FAMILY?



People Join God's family because they love Jesus and Want to be with Him in Heaven Someday.



² There are many rooms in my Father's house. If this were not true, would I have told you that I am going there? Would I have told you that I would prepare a place for you there? ³ If I go and do that, I will come back. And I will take you to be with me. Then you will also be where I am... ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:2-3, 6



³ Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us a new birth and a living hope. This hope is living because Jesus Christ rose from the dead. ⁴ He has given us new birth so that we might share in what belongs to him. This is a gift that can never be destroyed. It can never spoil or even fade away. It is kept in heaven for you. 1 Peter 1:3-4

You can't get to heaven in a **CAR**. You can't get to heaven on a **BIKE**. You can't get to heaven in a **JET**. You can't get to heaven in a **TANK**. Only God can get you to **HEAVEN** That is his home!



⁵ Don't be controlled by love for money. Be happy with what you have. God has said, "I will never leave you. I will never desert you." Hebrews 13:5



When do you need God's help?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



²² And he will give us anything we ask. That's because we obey his commands. We do what pleases him. ²³ God has commanded us to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ. He has also commanded us to love one another. 1 John 3:22-23

The Bible says that Jesus loves us so much that he is getting a place ready for us in heaven so we can live with him forever. Jesus wants to be with the people who are in his family. When someone joins God's family, everyone in heaven rejoices.

God wants everyone to be apart of a family that loves one another and takes care of each other because he loves you. puts families together.

Draw a picture of your family in the box below. Make sure to include yourself.

God loves you so much that he wants you to join his family.



People join God's family because they want him to be their savior.



Have you ever seen a picture like this one? What is it?

The cross is a reminder of the victory of Jesus, one over the cross and dying for people's sin. Because of what he did, your sins can be forgiven. You can be saved from their sins and from hell. Jesus can be your very own Savior!



³ ...Christ died for our sins... He was buried. He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as Scripture said he would be. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

JESUS SAVES FROM



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WHY ISN'T EVERYONE IN GOD'S FAMILY?



Some people aren't in God's family because they don't want him to be their heavenly Father.

God wants to be our heavenly Father. He wants us obey him.

Doing what is right. It's called **obeying**. Doing what is wrong is called **disobeying**.

We don't always obey. We do wrong things. The wrong things that we do are called **sins**.



¹¹ No one understands. No one trusts in God. ¹² All of them have turned away. They have all become worthless. No one does anything good, no one at all. "... ²³ Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory. Romans 3:11-12,23

According to these verses, how many fathers and mothers, boys and girls have sinned and done wrong things?

What wrong things are these people doing?



Think of 4 things that people do that are wrong. Have you ever done any of these things?

SIN

Disobeying God is



²³ When you sin, the pay you get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done. Romans 6:23

If we were left on our own, there would be no way for us to join God's family. But God loves us so much that he made a way for us to join his family, **even though we sin**. The way to join God's forever, family is by accepting his free gift: The gift of life forever with Jesus.





Some people aren't in God's family because they don't know how wonderful it is to be part of God's family.



Jesus *"is the one who loves us."* Revelation 1:5

Jesus loved you yesterday.

Jesus loves you today.

Jesus will love you tomorrow.

And Jesus will love you the next day... and the next day... and the next day... forever and ever. That's a long time! Jesus has plenty of love for everyone. He never runs out.



⁸ *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* Hebrews 13:8



¹⁴ *How can they call on him unless they believe in him? How can they believe in him unless they hear about him? How can they hear about him unless someone preaches to them?* Romans 10:14

Write the missing words in the sentence below. Use the words below only once. Each dash represents one letter.

Jesus
Believe
Yet
Died
Heaven
Receive

Some people don't _____ Jesus because they don't know how much Jesus loves them. They don't believe Jesus _____ for them. When they die, they will not go to _____ to be with Jesus. They don't believe what he says, so they will be separate from _____ forever when they die. People are not part of God's family until they _____ Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Some people haven't done this ___ !

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HOW DO YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF GOD'S FAMILY?



You join God's family by believing that Jesus took the punishment for your sins...

God sent His only son, Jesus, to die on the cross as payment for all the wrong things we do. Jesus is the only one who could pay for our sin. He could do it because he never sinned. He took the punishment that we deserve.



²⁴ "He himself carried our sins" in his body on the cross. He did it so that we would die as far as sins are concerned. Then we would lead godly lives. "His wounds have healed you."

²¹ You were chosen to do good even if you suffer. That's because Christ suffered for you. He left you an example that he expects you to follow. 1 Peter 2:24,21



³ ...Christ died for our sins, just as Scripture said he would. ⁴ He was buried. He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as Scripture said he would be. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4



... and by asking Jesus to forgive you for the wrong things you do.



⁹ But God is faithful and fair. If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure. 1 John 1:9



⁷ We have been set free because of what Christ has done. Because he bled and died our sins have been forgiven. We have been set free because God's grace is so rich. Ephesians 1:7

You join God's family by believing that Jesus took the punishment for your sins, leaving you sins behind, and by asking Jesus to forgive you for the wrong things you do and by asking him to make you a member of his family. When you ask Jesus to come into your life, he washes away your sin and your life. He makes you clean on the inside just like taking a bath makes you clean on the outside.



...and by asking Him to make you a member of his family.

Do you believe Jesus is the only one who could pay for your sin?

- YES
- NO

Have you ever prayed to ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and come into your life and make you a member of his forever family?

- YES
- NO

If yes, when did you do it?

You can invite Jesus into your life and join God's family right now by praying, talking to God, like this

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving me enough to die on the cross to pay for my sin. I know I do wrong things. I am leaving my sins behind, please forgive me of all the wrong things that I have done. I want you to come into my life. Help me to choose to do what you want me to do. Thank you for making me, your child and a member of your family.

Amen



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WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A MEMBER OF GOD'S FAMILY?



When you join God's family, you have another birthday.

Your first birthday is a day you were born into your dad and mom's family. When you ask Jesus to be your savior from your sin, you are born into God's family. **This is your second birthday.**

When you were born, you got a birth certificate telling you about your birth. When you're born into God's family, you can make a record like your birth certificate. That will tell you about how you became a member of God's family.



Tell two other people you have joined God's family by asking Jesus to come into your life. These people will help you remember the special time in your life. They will be your witnesses. Once you've told them about your direction, ask them to sign a certificate at the bottom where it says the word **"WITNESS."**

Your dad, mom, brother, sister, guardian, elder, Pastor Paul, someone who goes to our church, or a friend who's also part of God's family can be a witness. Show your certificate to one of the elders or Pastor Paul and we will celebrate with you.



When you join God's family, you receive gifts!

When you have a birthday, you also get gifts. **God gives you the gift of eternal life.**



*¹⁶ God so loved **the world** that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone **who** believes in him will **not die** but will have **eternal life**. John 3:16*

Eternal means that it lasts forever... It never ends! Even though your body will die someday, the real you will live in heaven with Jesus. If you receive the Lord Jesus as your savior, you have joined God's family and you have the special gift right now.



When you join God's family, you have another family.

God becomes your heavenly Father, and others who have received Jesus as their Savior become your brother and sisters. So, it's like having two families.



- ___ 1. The only way to go to heaven is by doing God's family and believing in Jesus.
- ___ 2. The Bible says our sin must be paid for.
- ___ 3. Everybody loves Jesus.
- ___ 4. Eternal life is not a gift from God.
- ___ 5. If you have leave your sins behind, received the Lord Jesus as your savior, you are a member of God's family.

CERTIFICATE OF SPIRITUAL BIRTH



I, _____
(your name)

was born into God's family

on _____
(date)

at _____
(place)

Witnesses:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

Mill City Christian Church

BAPTISM



1

WHY DO PEOPLE GET BAPTIZED?



People get baptized to tell others they have joined God's family.



Then those people who accepted what Peter said [about Jesus] were baptized.
Acts 2:41



Paul explained to them about believing in Jesus. Then "they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 19:5

Most of us can remember at least one special Christmas when we received a certain gift we had hoped so much for. It was exciting to open that one gift of love. We could hardly wait to tell others about what we had received.



What is one special gift that you received for your last birthday or Christmas? Perhaps someone in your family or a friend gave it to you.

My special gift was

Just like opening that special gift you received at Christmas, there is excitement when Christ comes into our lives bringing His special gift of eternal life. It is so special that we will want to tell others about it.

"God gives us the free gift of life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

Baptism is a special way of showing your neighbors and friends that Jesus is in your life and you are a member of His family.



People get baptized to show they are doing what Jesus wants them to do.



Jesus said, "So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have told you." Matthew 28:19–20



Jesus also said, "You are my friends if you do what I command you." John 15:14

Why should we obey Jesus?

Baptism is one special way of obeying Jesus. There are other ways you can obey Him.

2

WHO CAN BE BAPTIZED?



People who have joined God's family can be baptized.



The Bible says, “An angel of the Lord spoke to **Philip**. The angel said, ‘Get ready and go **south**. Go to the road that leads down to Gaza from Jerusalem—the desert road.’ So Philip got ready and went. On the road he saw a man from Ethiopia, a eunuch. He was an important officer in the service of **Candace**, the queen of the Ethiopians. He was responsible for taking care of all her money. He had gone to Jerusalem to **worship**, and now he was on his way home. He was sitting in his **chariot** and reading from the book of **Isaiah**, the **prophet**.

“Philip asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He answered, ‘How can I understand? I need someone to explain it to me!’ Then he invited Philip to climb in and sit with him. Philip began to speak. He started with this same Scripture and told the man the Good News about Jesus.

“While they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. The officer said, ‘Look! Here is water! What is stopping me from being baptized?’ Philip answered, ‘If you **believe** with all your heart, you can.’ The officer said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ Then the officer commanded the chariot to stop. Both Philip and the officer went down into the water, and Philip **baptized** him.” Acts 8:26–28, 30–31, 35–38

What happened first?

Write the number 1 in the box beside the event that happened first. Next, write a number 2 in the box beside the event that happened second. Now write in the third and fourth events.

- The officer from Ethiopia was reading some verses in the book of Isaiah from the Old Testament.
- Philip baptized the man from Ethiopia.
- The officer commanded the chariot to stop.
- The officer from Ethiopia believed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

The followers of Jesus were baptized after they joined God's family.

When you invite Jesus into your life, you are joining God's family. **Once you are a member of God's family, you can be baptized.**



"Some people did accept him [Jesus]. They believed in him. To them he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12



"Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we did!" Acts 10:47

Have you joined God's family and invited Jesus into your life?

- Yes, I have already joined God's family. Fill out the Certificate of Spiritual Birth on page 14 a special reminder of your decision.
- No, I have not joined God's family. Go to page 5 and learn how you can join God's family.

3

HOW IS A PERSON BAPTIZED?



People who have joined god's family can be baptized.

A person is baptized in water.



Philip and the officer went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. Acts 8:38

The word *baptize* means "to put in the water." And that's just what Philip did to the man from the country of Ethiopia ... he put him in the water and baptized him. When you are baptized, you will be in the water.

People are baptized in many different places. Philip used a river. A church often uses something that looks a little like a swimming pool.

Check the box that describes the following picture:



- RIGHT WAY
- WRONG WAY



- RIGHT WAY
- WRONG WAY

You should wait to be baptized until you have joined God's family. You should wait because when you are baptized you are saying (**on the outside**) that Jesus is in your heart and life (**on the inside**).

Once you have joined God's family by inviting Jesus into your life, fill out the certificate on page 14.

You can learn more about joining God's family starting on page 1.



A person is baptized by someone else.

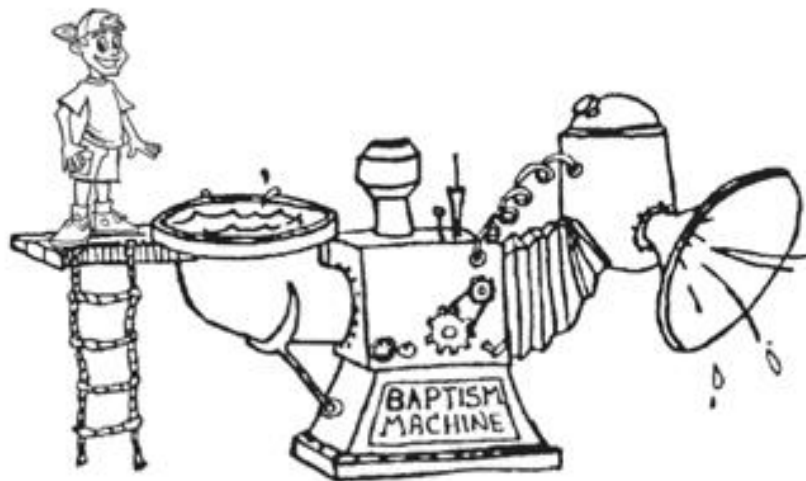


I [the Apostle Paul] ... baptized the family of Stephanas. 1 Corinthians 1:16



Philip baptized him [the officer from Ethiopia]. Acts 8:38

You can't baptize yourself, and machines don't baptize people. Philip baptized the man from Ethiopia and you will probably be baptized by someone at your church. Usually your pastor or another church leader will baptize you.





A person is baptized while other people are watching.



“Then those people who accepted what Peter said [about Jesus] were baptized. About 3,000 people ...” Acts 2:41

Because you are telling people that Jesus is in your life when you are baptized, there will be people watching and listening.

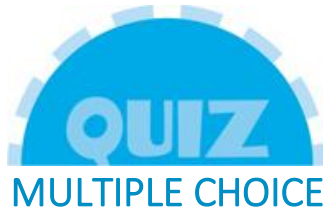
Write the names of two people you would like to invite to come and watch you be baptized:

Person 1 _____

Person 2 _____

QUIZ

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT BAPTISM?



Answer the questions as best you can without help from anyone else. **You may look back in the wordbook for answers.**

1. Being baptized is _____ *(Write the letter of the correct answer on each line.)*
 - a. something all children do.
 - b. only for children whose parents go to church.
 - c. for children who like hamburgers.
 - d. for anyone who has Jesus in his/her life.

2. Baptism means _____
 - a. like when my Sunday school teacher is speaking.
 - b. a special event when someone is put under water.
 - c. to pray for a friend.

3. Jesus said that a person should be baptized _____
 - a. to be saved.
 - b. to get lots of money.
 - c. to go to heaven.
 - d. to show others that Jesus is in his or her life.

4. Jesus will come into a person's life _____
 - a. when a person goes to church.
 - b. when a person asks Jesus to come into his/her life.
 - c. when the person reads the Bible.



Write **T** for true or **F** for false in the space provided.

- _____1. People are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- _____2. One reason people get baptized is to show that their sins have been washed away.
- _____3. Jesus said being baptized is important.
- _____4. The Bible teaches that a person should be baptized to show others that Jesus is in his or her life.
- _____5. People are baptized with water.

[Now have a parent or teacher grade your quiz.](#)

YOUR TESTIMONY

On the day of your baptismal service, there may be an opportunity for you to give a short testimony of how you came to Christ.

A testimony is telling others what Christ has done for you. It doesn't have to be long; just tell where, when, how and who prayed with you when you asked Jesus into your life. You can also tell what difference Jesus has made in your life and why you want to be baptized.

Write out your testimony below. Remember, the most important thing to tell is when you asked Jesus into your life.

ARE YOU READY TO BE BAPTIZED?



Place a check on each line according to the instructions.

- Place a check here if you have invited Jesus to come into your life.
- Place a check here if you have ever watched a baptism at your church. *If you have not seen a baptism at our church, ask your parent or teacher if you can do so before you are baptized.*
- Place a check if you took the quiz on pages 23-24 and had your parent or teacher grade it.
- Place a check here if you want to get baptized.
- Place a check here if your parent(s) says it is okay for you to be baptized.
- Have you written out your testimony? If so, place a check here.
- Did you write the names of two people on page 22 whom you would like to invite to come to your baptism? *If not, turn back and try to do it now. Then place a check in this space even if you couldn't think of two people to invite.*

If you were able to place a check on each line according to the instructions, then you are ready to be baptized. Talk to our pastor or have your parents talk to our pastor about setting a date for your baptism.

A *Baptism* GUIDE FOR PARENTS

BAPTISM: From the Greek noun *baptisma* which means "to immerse".

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TO START
WITH

WHO IS JESUS?

(The Son of God / God in the flesh / John 1)

WHEN DID YOU CONFESS HIM AS LORD?
DO YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD
RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD?

"...because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

ROMANS 10:9-10

Kid Summary: Getting baptized does not get me into heaven. Believing in Jesus does. (John 3:16)



WHEN TO GET
BAPTIZED

Once you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, baptism is the next step in your walk as a Christian. In the New Testament, many people were baptized immediately after accepting Christ.

ACTS 2:38, 41 • ACTS 8:35 - 38 16:29 - 33 • ACTS 16:29 - 33

Kid Summary:

I should get baptized after I've made the choice to believe in Jesus.



WHAT IS
BAPTISM?
It is symbolic.

Baptism does not make you "saved". It is a public declaration that you have made Jesus Lord of your life. When you are placed under water, and raised back out of it, you are symbolically stating that you have died to sin, and that you have been raised to new life in Jesus - just as He died for our sins, was buried and raised to life again. Baptism identifies you with Christ.

This is like married couples who wear wedding rings. The rings do not make the couple married. The rings are simply a public symbol of their marriage and shows everyone they are married. Baptism does not make you saved; it is your public declaration of faith.

Kid Summary:

When I get baptized, I am telling everyone that I am a follower of Jesus.



WHY

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE

Jesus himself was baptized. If we are followers of Christ, we will want to follow His example in this. Jesus' baptism marked a big turning point in His life! Soon after He was baptized, Jesus began performing miracles and teaching with great authority.

(Matthew 3:13-17)

Later, we see Jesus encouraging His disciples to continue this practice.

(Matthew 28:18-19)

Kid Summary: I should be baptized because Jesus said I should.

You do not have to be perfect to be baptized, and after baptism you will still struggle with sin! But when you do, confess, repent and believe that Jesus' death on the cross has cleansed you from all sin. We are so excited for you to make this decision to publically declare your faith in Christ!

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4