

Baptism Discussion Questions For Children

When your child expresses an interest in being baptized, it is one of the most exciting moments for a believing parent! This means that your child is growing in his/her relationship with God and motivated to pursue Him further. However, as a parent, we must assist our children in deciding whether they are ready to take this momentous step. Here are some questions (and sub-questions) that can guide your conversation and help you determine whether your child needs some more training and time to mature in their faith. While some of the questions may exceed the understanding of your child at the time, the quality of the child's responses should give you an indication of whether you should allow them to proceed with this important milestone.

1. Why do you want to be baptized?

- Where did you hear about baptism?
- How long have you wanted to be baptized?

2. What do you think baptism means?

- Do you think baptism makes you a Christian?
- Why should Christians be baptized?
- Why should we be baptized under water and then lifted out?

3. What do you believe the Bible teaches about Jesus?

- Where did He come from?
- Did He ever do anything wrong?
- Why did He die?
- What happened on the third day after he died?
- How was/is Jesus different from other people?

4. What is sin?

- Who sins?
- Do you believe you have sinned?
- Whom do we sin against?

5. What is the consequence of sin?

- What kinds of consequences do people face in this world when they sin?
- What is the ultimate consequence of sin after death?

6. What does it mean to trust in Jesus?

- What does it mean to worship something?
- What makes you want to trust someone?
- Should we believe what Jesus claims about Himself?
- What does it mean to confess Jesus as "Lord?"

7. What does it mean to repent (turn from) sin?

- Why should we turn from sin?
- Since Jesus forgives our sins, is it okay to love sin now?
- How should a Christian learn to think about his/her sin?

8. What happens to people who do not trust in Jesus as their Savior?

- Why does hell exist?
- Is God mean because people will be in hell?
- How long does hell last?
- Can anyone be rescued out of hell?

9. What are ways people can learn about Jesus?

- Do you own a Bible? Do you read it?
- Do you regularly attend church?
- Does your family talk to you about God?

10. How can you learn to obey Jesus at your age?

- How can you obey Jesus at school?
- How can you obey Jesus at church?
- How can you obey Jesus at home?