

Informational class

(For Children Interested in Baptism)



WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism shows others you have accepted Jesus as the leader of your life.

For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. Colossians 2:12

Baptism shows others we believe Jesus died and lives again!

Often, we tell the story of how we came to know Jesus and what he means to us at the Baptism. This is called a "testimony".

WHY SHOULD WE BE BAPTIZED?

The Bible tells us that after we decide to follow Jesus we should become baptized.

Baptism shows others we have made the decision to follow Him.

Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?" But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him.

Matthew 3:13-15

By doing what the Lord commands, we are obeying Him.

This is called an **act of obedience.**

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:18-19

WHERE & HOW SHOULD WE BE BAPTIZED?

At RockPointe Church, to make things easier for people, we use a hot tub or tank! In some cases, people will still go to a river or swimming pool.

On the Sabbath we went a little way outside the city to a riverbank, where we thought people would be meeting for prayer... One of them was Lydia... As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying.

She was baptized along with other members of her household.

Acts 16:13-15

In the Bible,
people were
baptized in
rivers.

For your baptism, you will be in a warm hot tub or tank with the person(s) you choose to baptize you.

This person may be a pastor, someone special like a small group leader or even a parent!

As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?"

He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

Acts 8:36-39

WHEN SHOULD WE BE BAPTIZED?

When you believe
Jesus is Lord and pray to
Him that you know He has
saved you from your sins
and you want Him to be the
leader of your life.

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 it is by believing
in your heart that you are made right
with God and it is by **confessing** with
your mouth that you are saved.

Romans 10: 9-10

If you are unsure if you are a Christian, talk to your parents or a leader at RockPointe. They would love to tell you how to do this. YOU could pray a prayer something like the one below.

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for loving me enough to die on the cross for my sin. I know I do wrong things. Please forgive me for 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. I give my life to You and promise that I will follow and obey You. Thank you for making me Your child and a member of Your family. Amen.

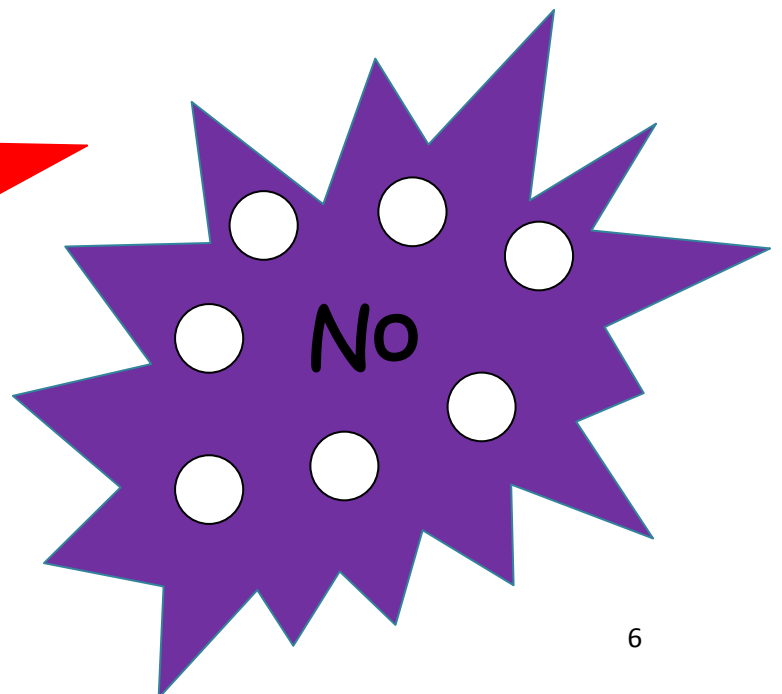
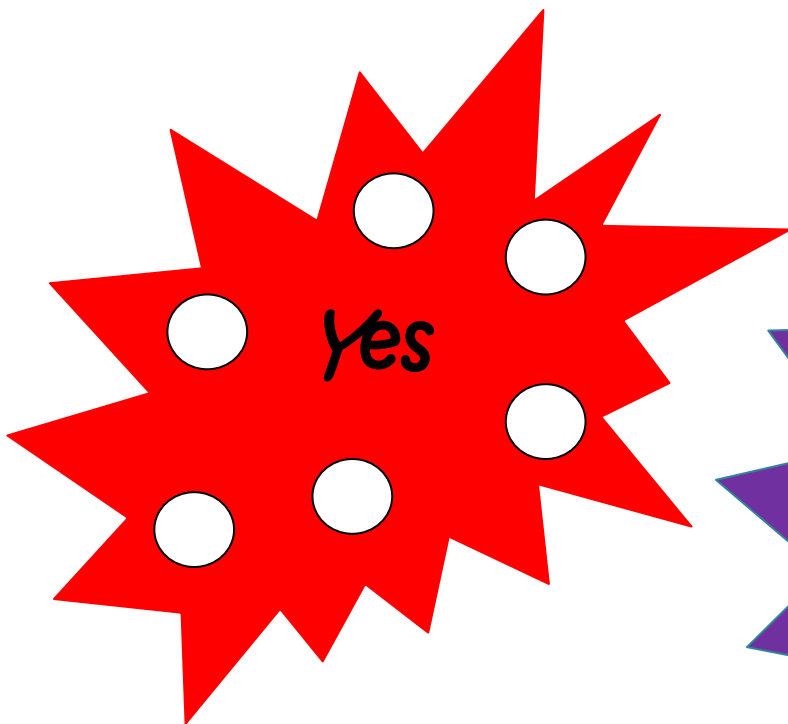
How do you know for sure that Jesus is in your life? Check out the follow verse: **But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John 1:9**

REVIEW

Put the sentences in the correct circles below using the letters.

Does Baptism.....

- A. Cleanse us from sin?
- B. Show that you want to live a new life in Christ?
- C. Show that Jesus is part of our lives forever?
- D. Make us a Christian?
- E. Help us become saved?
- F. Forgive our sins?
- G. Show that we want God to be in charge?
- H. Show that our hearts and lives have changed. We are made new because of Jesus?
- I. Give us a way to tell everyone that we choose to live a life with Jesus as our leader?
- J. Show obedience to God? (We do what he tells us to do.)
- K. Guarantee us a home in heaven?



NEXT STEPS: *SHOULD YOU BE BAPTIZED?*

Checklist



Here is a checklist to help you determine if you are ready to be baptized:

- I have invited Jesus to come into my life.
- I have taken the baptism course and understand the Who? What? Where? When? How? And Why? of baptism.
- I have observed a person being baptized. (If you have not seen a baptism performed at church, ask to see one before you are baptized.)
- I have determined I want to live my life solely for Jesus and I want to follow His command and be baptized.
- I am willing to share my Testimony.
- I have my parent(s) permission to be baptized.

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM: PRAYER

Being baptized is one of the most important things you will do in your life. Ask your parents and friends to pray that you will be free from fear and will feel God's presence and blessing at this very special event in your life.

Write down the names of three people who you will ask to pray for you:

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM: TESTIMONY

Tell your God story! When did you first hear about Jesus and when did he become the leader of your life? We do this at the baptism to tell others Jesus is your Lord and Saviour.

Has anyone special helped you get to know Jesus?

How does Jesus help you in your life?

I want to follow Jesus because.....

Favorite Bible verse!
Tell us WHY you like it.

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM: WRITING YOUR TESTIMONY

Please use this page to begin to plan your testimony. This is your story of how you came to know and love Jesus. When you are done, please share it with your pastor to help make sure it's suitable and well prepared.

I got to know Jesus when.....

Who helped me get to know Jesus?

How does Jesus help me?

I want to follow Jesus because....
or I want to follow Jesus by.....

Favorite Bible verse and why:

BAPTISM INFORMATION

Date of the Baptism: _____

Who is baptizing me? _____

What time should I be there? _____

Where do I go? _____

- Wear dark colored clothing that you can change out of after. You will walk in bare feet to the Baptism tank.
- Bring a towel that you will carry up with you. Leave it beside the tank. Make sure you have a dry set of clothes to change into after.
- The water will be warm!
- The person baptizing you may say some things to you and ask you some questions.
- The person baptizing you will have you lean backwards into the water until your head is below the surface of the water.
- You will be under the water for only 1-2 seconds. You can hold your nose!
- After you are standing, pause for a moment before leaving the tank so that you can enjoy the smile and blessing of God upon your life!
- Invite anyone and everyone to come to your Baptism!
- Encourage family to bring cameras and to take videos of you. Have them sit close to the front!

Bring your testimonial!

To Do:

- Contact the church office (403-851-0011) or office@rockpointe.ca with your name (first, middle, last) for the Baptismal Certificate. Make sure you specify which site you attend, and if applicable, the service time.
- Please email your testimony at least one week in advance to _____.