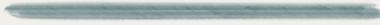




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LETTER TO KIDS

We - your church family - are so excited you want to be baptized! It is a big celebration in the life of a follower of Jesus. This booklet is full of helpful information and activities for you to complete. It is not meant for you to do by yourself though! This is for you to work through with your parents or another trusted adult. We hope this booklet helps you understand more about the Gospel, what baptism means, and helps you feel confident you are ready to be baptized!

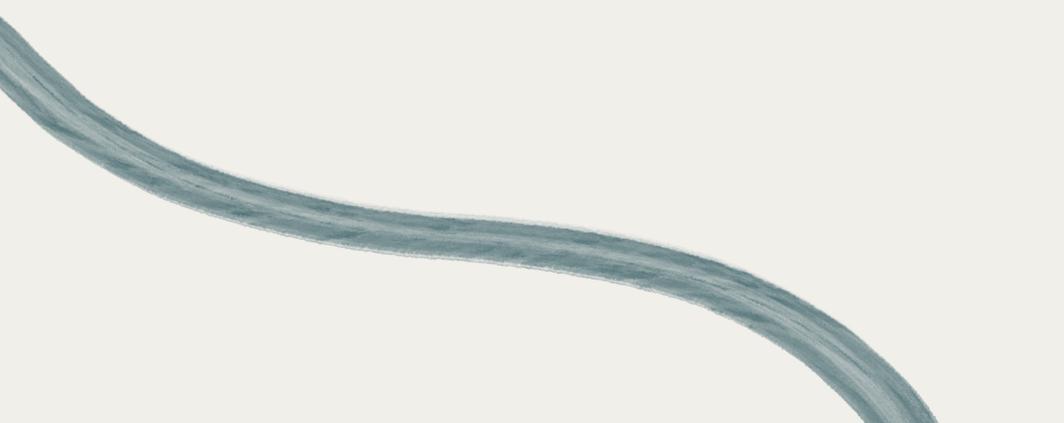
Along the way, if there are things you don't understand, we encourage you to ask questions! God designed us to learn by asking questions. It is so good to ask questions to better understand the Bible and God's love for you.

Baptism is not the end of your faith story. In some ways, it is the beginning. God has a plan for your life, and He wants you to be a part of His story of bringing His love and forgiveness to the world. We are excited for you to continue to grow and learn more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus, even after you are baptized.

We are praying that you will continue to grow in your love for Jesus. We hope throughout your life, you will see how you can Love Jesus More!

We love you and we are joyful with you!

Fellowship Fayetteville Family Ministry Team



SESSION ONE

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN
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To understand what it means to be a Christian, first, we need to understand the gospel.

What is the Gospel? Gospel means “good news.”

What is some good news that you have heard? Write it in the box below.

We love hearing good news, don't we? But why is the Gospel such good news?

**Watch this video
(Video One) with your
parent/trusted adult**



QUESTIONS FOR YOU

Grab a Bible and look up these verses. If you need help, ask a parent or trusted adult to help you. After you read each verse, answer the questions.

Read Romans 3:23

Who has sinned?

Have you ever sinned? (circle one)

YES

NO

Right, we all have sinned. All of us have disobeyed God at some point in our lives. We have all done something or had an attitude that God does not like. Sin has consequences.

Read Isaiah 59:2a

What does that verse say a result of sin is?

Read Romans 6:2a

What does this verse say we deserve because of our sin?

Read Romans 5:8

What did God do about the consequences of sin?

Read Romans 10:9-10, 13

How can we respond to that amazing gift of God and be saved?

We can believe in our hearts that Jesus died for us and rose again 3 days later and confess Him as the Lord (or boss) of our lives. When we do this, we become followers of Jesus or Christians. When we become Christians, we believe that Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection pays the price for our sin. We believe that our faith in Christ frees us from sin's power and eternal consequence (Read Acts 13:38).

In the video, it said the Gospel is as simple as ABC. Write below what each letter stands for.

A_____

What do we have to admit?

B_____

What do we need to believe?

C_____

What do we choose to do?

ACTIVITIES TO DO TOGETHER

Activity Option 1: Heart Map

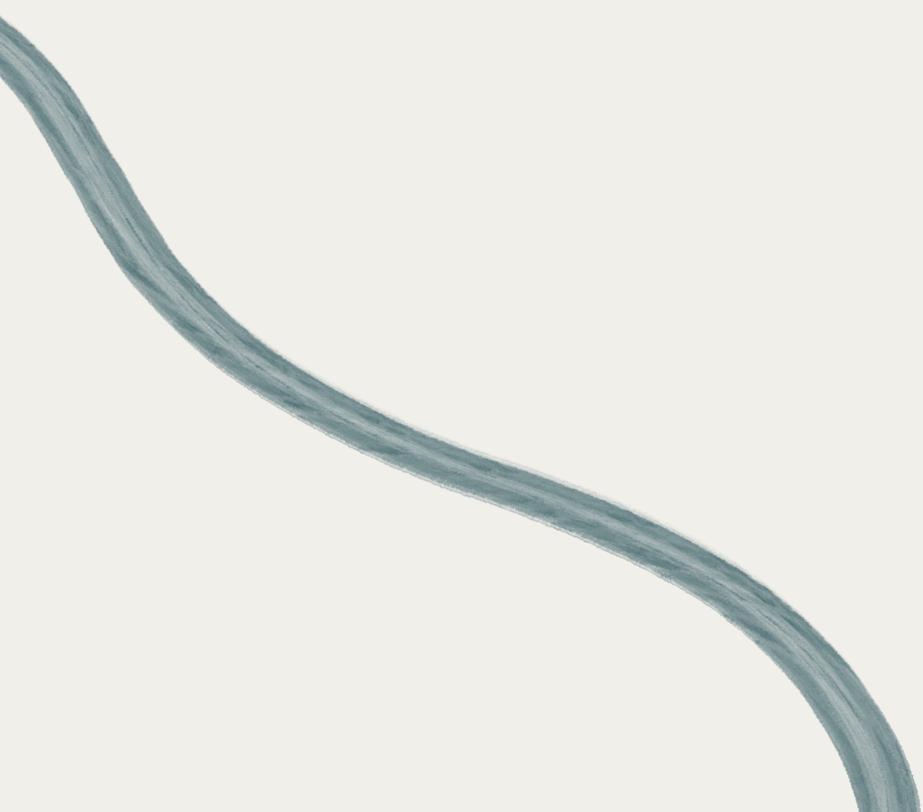
- What to do: Draw a big heart on this page. Inside the heart, draw or write things that are important to you. Talk about how inviting Jesus into your heart means he becomes the most important part of your life.
- Bible Connection: Revelation 3:20 (“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”)

Activity Option 2: The Good News Chain

- What to do: Cut strips of paper. On each strip, write one part of the “Good News” about Jesus (God loves us, Jesus came to Earth, Jesus died for us, Jesus rose again, We can believe in him and have forgiveness). Link the strips together to make a chain.
- Bible Connection: John 3:16 (“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”)

PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER

“Dear God, thank you for showing us what it means to follow Jesus. Help us to understand your love and to believe in you with all our hearts. We ask that you fill us with your Holy Spirit, so we can live like Jesus every day. Help us to love others just like you love us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”



SESSION TWO

WHAT IS BAPTISM

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Baptism is a special way that Christians show the world that they have decided to follow Jesus. It's an outward symbol of an inward change in your heart. Think of it like this:

Going under the water shows that we are “dying” to our old way of living without Jesus. It's like saying, “I'm leaving that behind!”

Coming up out of the water shows that we are “rising” to a new life with Jesus. It's like saying, “I'm starting fresh with God!”

Baptism doesn't make you a Christian, but it's something that people do after they have already decided to follow Jesus. It's something that Jesus told believers to do (Matthew 28:19). It's a way to publicly celebrate and share their faith with others. Jesus himself was baptized (Matthew 3:13-17), showing us that it's an important step for those who follow him.

How do you know if you are ready to be baptized?

**Watch this video
(Video Two) to help
you think through it.**



QUESTIONS FOR YOU

Write your answers below each question.

Imagine you are planting a seed. What happens before the plant can grow big and strong?

How is going under the water in baptism a little bit like that “planting” of your new life with Jesus?

What does coming up out of the water after being baptized remind you of?

Why do you think it’s important for people to share with others that they are following Jesus? How is baptism one way to do that?

Can you find the story in the Bible where Jesus was baptized?
(Hint: It’s in the book of Matthew!)

What happened when Jesus came up out of the water?
(Read Matthew 3:13-17)

ACTIVITIES TO DO TOGETHER

Activity Option 1: Water Painting

- What to do: Use watercolors or watered-down paint to create a picture that reminds you of new life. This could be flowers blooming, the sun rising, or anything that feels fresh and new. Talk about how baptism symbolizes this new life in Jesus.
- Bible Connection: 2 Corinthians 5:17 (“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”)

Activity Option 2: Act It Out!

- What to do: With your parent’s help, act out a simple baptism. You can use a small tub of water or just pretend. Talk about what each part means – going down and coming up.

Bible Connection: Romans 6:4 (“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”)

PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER

“Heavenly Father, thank you for teaching us about baptism. We pray that we understand how baptism shows we belong to you. Help us to remember that just like Jesus was baptized, we are part of your family now. We ask that you help us to live our lives to honor you. Thank you for your promise to always be with us. Amen.”

SESSION THREE

TELLING MY STORY

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Your “story” (or “testimony” as some people call it) is how you came to believe in Jesus. Everyone’s story is a little different, but it’s special because it’s yours! Sharing your story is a way to tell others what Jesus has done in your life and why you decided to follow him.

Think about these things when you think about your story:

- What was your life like before you knew Jesus? *(Even if you were young, were there things you didn’t understand or felt curious about?)*
- How did you learn about Jesus? *(Did someone tell you? Did you hear about him at church or in a book?)*
- What made you decide to believe in Jesus and follow him? *(Was there something you heard or learned that made you want to follow Jesus? Who was with me? Did someone help answer my questions? Where was I? When did this happen? How old was I?)*
- How has your life changed since you started following Jesus? *(How is my life different now that I know Jesus is in my life? Do you feel more loved? Do you understand things better? Are you trying to be kinder?)*

You don’t have to have a long or complicated story. Even saying, “I learned that Jesus loves me, and I want to follow him” is a great start!

Watch this video (Video Three) to hear someone share the story of how they became a Christian.



QUESTIONS FOR YOU

Can you remember the first time you heard about Jesus? Who told you?

What is one thing you have learned about Jesus that makes you happy or excited?

If a friend asked you why you want to be baptized, what is one thing you could tell them about your decision to follow Jesus?

Think about how you might want to live your life now that you are following Jesus. What's one thing you want to try to do better or differently?

Take some time to write out your story using the guidelines below. Have a parent/adult help you think through each of these areas.

WRITING MY STORY

What was your life like before you knew Jesus?

How did you learn about Jesus?

What made you decide to believe in Jesus and follow him?

How has your life changed since you started following Jesus?

PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER

“Loving God, thank you for what you have done in our lives. Help us remember how special it is to talk about our faith. We pray that you give us courage to share our stories with others, so they can know you too. We thank you for your love and for hearing our prayers. Help us to grow closer to you every day. Amen.”

QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES



DETAILS FOR BAPTISM DAY

What time should I arrive?

30 minutes before the service in which you are getting baptized

What should I wear?

We will have a white robe for you to wear, so whatever you feel comfortable getting wet will be great (bathing suit & t-shirt, athletic shorts & t-shirt, etc.)

Where should I go?

Someone will reach out to you to let you know where to meet. You will either meet behind the stage or in the tech booth in the adult worship center.

If you are meeting behind the stage, from the foyer, walk down the hallway on the east side of the foyer. Go to the door at the end of the hallway at the top of the stairs that lead behind the stage. If the door is locked, knock, and someone should be there to let you in.

