



Water baptism is a way for believers to outwardly express what God has done in their hearts and lives in the presence of other believers!

We believe that every child can have a personal relationship with Jesus and we encourage them to make a decision to follow Him. If your child has chosen to follow Jesus, we want to help you determine if they are ready to show their faith through baptism.

We encourage parents to wait until their child is asking to be water baptized. This is usually a good indication that they are ready to be baptized and it will be a spiritual milestone in their life. While younger children under age 5 can have a relationship with Jesus, they will not necessarily remember or understand the significance of the event, so we encourage parents to wait until they are a little older.

**QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD**

As you discern if your child is ready to be water baptized, here are some questions to ask them. After each question you will see some sample answers that show your child understands.

**Who is Jesus?**

Jesus is God's one and only son. He lived on earth, just like us, but he never sinned.

**What has Jesus done for us?**

Jesus died on the cross and came back to life so we could live forever in heaven with Him.

**When did you decide to follow Jesus and become His forever friend?**

Your child should have a specific memory of when he or she understood what Jesus did, and that he or she needs Jesus in their life. It may have been at church, at home, or even sometime when they were alone.

**What does it mean to be water baptized?**

It means I'm following Jesus. It means I'm a Christian and I want to show the world. It's a picture of what Jesus has done on the inside of me.

**Why do you want to be water baptized?**

Because Jesus was water baptized and he tells us to be baptized also. Because I'm a friend of Jesus and I want to follow him.

If your child is easily able to answer these questions they are probably ready to be water baptized. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving over your child! Thank God for their decision to accept Him and be baptized. You can sign your child up to be water baptized using this [baptism](#) link.

If you don't feel your child understands what it means to be baptized just yet, it's totally appropriate to wait. During this time, let your child observe baptism and keep having conversations with them about what it means.

For more information on how to talk to your child about water baptisms, check out this [Baptism Resource](#) with your child. If you have any questions or would like to talk to someone about the process, reach out to our Gracelife Kids team at [kids@gracelifechapel.co](mailto:kids@gracelifechapel.co).