



“CAN I GET BAPTIZED?”

FOR KIDS 😊



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FOR PARENTS – INTRO

Dear Parents,

I have been in ministry in various positions for 14 years. I am sorry it has taken me this long to realize the need for this booklet!

It is also amazing to me that so little accurate, child-friendly material on salvation exists. This booklet tries to solve this problem.

I encourage you to go through this book with your child. It is designed to be done in short sections, building one chapter on the next. Each section should take 20 minutes at most. When you complete all the lessons, there is an, optional final “quiz” for your child that will help you in determining if your child is ready to be baptized.

Keep in mind that all the subjects are presented in simplified, child-friendly language. Doctrines like the Triune nature of God are affirmed but naturally not discussed in detail.

Some children really are ready young (or very young by some standards); others are better waiting. The most important thing is, “Do they understand what they are doing?” It is this book’s desire to help you know if your child is ready. However, only you really know.

I do want to encourage you that no one is perfectly “ready” or “worthy” to be baptized; it is not a matter of merit, but understanding. Once you are convinced your child understands salvation and goes through the steps before baptism, they are ready to be baptized.

GOD'S LOVE – CHAPTER 1

God made everything, including you! He loves you very much; that is why you have so many good things in your life! Your parents also love you very much; when they love you, you are seeing some of the love of God through them. In fact, God loves you so much, He sent His Son Jesus for you!

Question #1: God made _____, including you!

- A) Just spaghetti
- B) Only dirt
- C) everything
- D) Exclusively cats

Question #2: God _____ you very much; that is why you have so many good things in your life!

- A) loves
- B) walks
- C) backpacks
- D) drives

Question #3: Your parents also love you very much; when they love you, you are seeing some of the love of _____ through them.

- A) your parents
- B) God
- C) your friends
- D) your pets

Question #4: God loves you so much, He sent His Son _____ for you!

- A) Simon
- B) Joshua
- C) Reuben
- D) Jesus

SCRIPTURES TO READ ALOUD: GENESIS 1:1, JOHN 3:16

WHO IS JESUS? – CHAPTER 2

Jesus came to earth almost 2000 years ago. He is the Son of God. He taught us instructions and stories on how to love God by obeying Him. This is how we can go to heaven. Jesus loves us so much that He died on a cross as payment for what we have done wrong. Jesus then rose back to life! When we obey Him, we can be forgiven and go to heaven!

Question #1: Jesus is the _____ of God.

- A) Brother
- B) Father
- C) Son
- D) Cousin

Question #2: Jesus taught us how to love God by _____ Him.

- A) obeying
- B) skiing with
- C) eating with
- D) biking with

Question #3: Jesus loves us so much that He died on a cross as payment for we have done _____.

- A) wrong
- B) typing
- C) skating
- D) washing

Question #4: Jesus then _____ back to life!

- A) ran
- B) rose
- C) drove
- D) opened

SCRIPTURES TO READ ALOUD: JOHN 1:2, 20:31

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO FIRST? – CHAPTER 3

There are **five** steps to being saved (also called, “salvation”). The first step is to believe in God, and His Son Jesus!

Believing means more than you think God and Jesus are real. It means you believe what They have done for you and you want to live for Them.

Even the bad devil knows God is real so that’s not enough. The difference is we want to obey God, love God, and live life His way!

Question #1: There are _____ steps to being saved.

- A) One
- B) Five
- C) 112
- D) Two

Question #2: The first step is to _____ in God, and His Son Jesus!

- A) believe
- B) build a house
- C) take communion
- D) go to church

Question #3: Believing means you believe what God and Jesus have done for you and you want to _____ for them.

- A) help
- B) serve
- C) live
- D) hike

SCRIPTURES TO READ ALOUD: ACTS 16:31, JAMES 2:24

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO SECOND? – CHAPTER 4

Here is a big word – “repent”. What is repent?

When we “repent of our sins”, we are saying that we are going to live God’s way and not ours anymore. Our way is selfish and sometimes we do bad things that hurt others and God. Those bad things are sin. God’s way is happier and lets us go to heaven.

That means we have to... obey our parents! And our teachers! And most importantly, God! If you can repent, you are one step closer to heaven!

Question #1: When we “repent of our sins”, we are saying that we are going live _____ way.

- A) Josh’s
- B) our parents’
- C) Pepsi’s
- D) God’s

Question #2: God’s way is _____ and let’s us go to heaven!

- A) happier
- B) orange
- C) hamburger helper
- D) timelier

Question #3: Repenting means we have to _____ our parents, teachers, and God!

- A) help
- B) love
- C) obey
- D) color

SCRIPTURES TO READ ALOUD: ACTS 2:38, 3:19

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO THIRD? – CHAPTER 5

What are you proud of? A trophy? A Lego creation? What about God, and His Son Jesus?

When we “confess”, we are saying we are not ashamed to believe in God and His Son Jesus. When people ask, we say that we believe in Them, and after we are baptized, we say that we are Christians to anyone who asks.

The first time we confess is at our baptism. We say that we believe Jesus is the Son of God. This is very exciting! This means we are getting very close to being saved from our sin!

Question #1: When we “confess”, we are saying we are _____ to believe in God and His Son Jesus.

- A) colored pink
- B) not ashamed
- C) wearing a watch
- D) spilling milk

Question #2: The first time we confess is at our _____.

- A) school
- B) home
- C) baptism
- D) local park

Question #3: When we are about to be baptized we say that we believe Jesus is the ___ of God.

- A) Son
- B) Father
- C) Cousin
- D) Brother

SCRIPTURES TO READ ALOUD: ACTS 8:37, 1 JOHN 1:9

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO FOURTH? – CHAPTER 6

Now there is something very easy to do – be baptized! However, getting baptized only matters if you have believed, repented, and confessed. If you have, you are ready to be baptized!

In baptism, our sins are washed away and we become Christians! Therefore, baptism is something we need to do. Also, baptism means to be “immersed” or “plunged” in water. This means for just a moment you have to go all the way underwater.

Once you rise up from the water, you are ready to live a Christian life; and, by being faithful, you are on your way to heaven!

Question #1: Getting baptized only matters if you have _____, _____, and _____.

- A) believed/repented/confessed
- B) learned how to swim

Question #2: In baptism, our _____ are washed away. Therefore, baptism is something we need to do.

- A) sweat
- B) dirt
- C) laundry
- D) sins

Question #3: Baptism means to be _____ or “plunged” in water.

- A) sprinkled
- B) immersed
- C) poured
- D) sprayed

SCRIPTURES TO READ ALOUD: GALATIANS 3:27, ACTS 22:16

WHAT DO I DO AFTER I AM BAPTIZED? – CHAPTER 7

CONGRATULATIONS! If you have followed every step of salvation and have been baptized, you are now a Christian! You are forgiven and on your way to heaven!

What you do from here is be faithful. If you are faithful, God will be with you, forgive you all your life, bless you, and take you to heaven someday. What is being faithful?

Being faithful is a lot of things. But the basics are easy to understand: be in church every Sunday, take communion at church every week, learn your Bible, give to church, obey your parents and teachers, help out at church, home, and at school, and tell your friends about Jesus. God will bless you for doing these things! As you go to church, you will learn even more things to know and do. Believe and do those things too, and your blessings will grow!

Question #1: One thing you can do to be faithful is:

- A) take communion every Sunday
- B) sleep in
- C) do what I want
- D) eat apples

Question #2: As you go to church, you will learn even _____ things to know and do.

- A) greater
- B) smaller
- C) more
- D) greener

Question #3: God will _____ you for obeying Him.

- A) color
- B) drive
- C) skate with
- D) bless

SCRIPTURES TO READ: PHILIPPIANS 3:14, 1 SAMUEL 12:24

WHAT CAN I DO EVERYDAY? – CHAPTER 8

Learning our Bible means we read and learn a small part of it daily. Praying means we ask God for what we need.

To learn your Bible, ask your mom or dad to help you find a Bible story to read every day. There are over 200! Most are short and easy to understand. Start with those. A good example is John 9:1-11 where Jesus makes a blind man see! You can keep reading if you want to know more what happened to the man.

To pray, bow your head, fold your hands, and close your eyes. You don't have to do these things, but they help anyone focus. Then begin your prayer with "Father" or "Heavenly Father". You are talking to God the Father, and He is listening to you! Ask Him for what you need. Then thank Him for what He has done for you (you can thank Him for anything!). Then close with, "In Jesus' name I pray, Amen." We pray to God the Father, through Jesus, His Son.

Question #1: Learning our Bible means we _____ and learn a small part of it daily.

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| A) speak | B) ride |
| C) read | D) drive |

Question #2: Praying means to ask. When we pray, we are talking to God the Father in Jesus' name. We should ask Him for what we need and _____ Him for what He has done for us!

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| A) thank | B) offer |
| B) phone | D) help |

SCRIPTURES TO READ ALOUD: 2 TIMOTHY 3:16, PHIL. 4:6

ANSWER KEY TO ALL QUESTIONS

Chapter 1: 1) everything, 2) loves, 3) God, 4) Jesus

Chapter 2: 1) Son, 2) obeying, 3) wrong, 4) rose

Chapter 3: 1) five, 2) believe, 3) live

Chapter 4: 1) God's, 2) happier, 3) obey

Chapter 5: 1) not ashamed, 2) baptism, 3) Son

Chapter 6: 1) believed/repented/confessed, 2) sins, 3) immersed

Chapter 7: 1) take communion every Sunday, 2) more, 3) bless

Chapter 8: 1) read, 2) thank

FINAL QUIZ: 1) loves, 2) Son, 3) believe, 4) repent, 5) confess, 6) baptized (immersed), 7) faithful, 8) church, 9) ask

FINAL NOTE TO PARENTS

This is a very simple study but I hope you and your child enjoyed it. More than anything, I hope they have chosen to obey God in all the steps of salvation!

I personally recommend reading Bible stories to your child daily. They are easy to remember and quick to read. This is a great start to training your child!