



Parents, how do you talk with your child about Baptism?

Help your child understand that baptism is an act of obedience for those who have already been saved.

- **Baptism** tells a story of being rescued from sin by Jesus through faith in His death, burial and resurrection.

We were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in a new way of life.” Romans 6:4

- Being **baptized** does not save you. Placing your faith in Jesus alone saves you. Baptism is a picture of what God has already done in the heart of a believer. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

- **Baptism** is commanded by Jesus and is one of the first steps of obedience for a believer.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...Matthew 28:19

- **Baptism** is a public profession of faith in Christ. When someone is baptized, that person shows others they now belong to Jesus!
Matthew 10:32-33

- **Baptism** symbolizes a believers joining the community of believers and a prerequisite to other rights and responsibilities in the church, including participation in the Lord’s Supper.



Getting Started:

- * Talk with a pastor at Catawba Baptist about your desire for baptism.
- * Schedule a date for baptism ceremony!

It might also be helpful to explain to your child what they see when someone is baptized.

- When the person stands in the water before being baptized, that represents their life before trusting Jesus. They were alive to sin, following and obeying it as their master.
- When the person is put completely underneath the water, that represents the fact that they died to sin when they became a believer; they turned away from sin to follow Jesus.
- When the person comes up out of the water and is completely wet, that represents the new life they have because of Jesus. They have been washed clean from sin – not because their bodies are wet but because they have been forgiven by God because of Jesus’ death in their place.

Remember, baptism is the first step after salvation for everyone, but it's possible your child might not be ready. And that’s OK! It's always better to wait than to pressure children to take a step they don't understand.