

# BAPTISM FOR KIDS

## SAMPLE

### **Class Purpose:**

- Give kids and their parents a clear understanding of what baptism means.
- Equip parents to talk with their children about baptism.
- Prepare kids and their parents for baptism.
- See kids and parents follow Jesus in baptism.


### **Class Materials:**

*(\*included with materials)*





*Suggested format is for kids and their parents to sit at tables.*

- \*sign-in sheet
- name tags
- \*media (*PowerPoint is provided. If you'd like to build your own presentation, the images, videos and music are provided individually as well.*)
- \*"Tell Your Story" papers (ready to print)
- \*"Baptism 4 Kids" handout for each child (ready to print)
- pens/pencils/crayons
- 1 bottled water or cup of water
- team sports jersey
- shirt that says "Jesus" (*can be made with tape or magic marker on plain shirt*)
- \*pre-class activity page for each child (ready to print)
- baptism packet for parents (*one for each child being baptized*)
  - \*Next Step baptism card (ready to print)
  - \*Tips for Parents handout (ready to print)
  - \*Baptism Opportunities card (ready to print)
  - \*Why I Am Being Baptized card (ready to print)
  - \*Spiritual Growth Plan (ready to print)
- snacks and drinks (*optional*)



	<p><u>If you did not host Starting Line class 1, follow these steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Give each child a copy of the “Tell Your Story” page.</li> <li>▪ Have them start writing their story out before class starts.</li> </ul>	<p>-copies of “Tell Your Story” page</p>	
<p>end music</p> 	<p>(class beginning)</p> <p>(if you hosted Starting Point class)</p> <p><b>Welcome. I’m so glad you’re here.</b></p> <p><b>In the Starting Point class, we talked about what it means to invite Jesus into your life and become a follower of Him.</b></p> <p><b>We asked you to write your story of inviting Jesus into your life. If you haven’t finished writing it yet, I’m going to give you some time to finish it up now. (if necessary)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kids who haven’t completed their “Tell Your Story” page should do so now.</li> <li>▪ Kids who have completed theirs can continue working on the pre-class activity sheet or you can provide them with another activity sheet.</li> <li>▪ Collect the remaining “Tell Your Story” pages after 10 minutes or earlier if everyone gets done.</li> </ul>		<p>11 min</p>

	<p><i>(if you didn't host Starting Point class)</i></p> <p><b>Welcome to the “Baptism 4 Kids” Class. Before we begin, we want to make sure everyone has finished writing their story of inviting Jesus into their life.</b></p> <p><b>If you haven't finished writing it yet, I'm going to give you some time to finish it up now. <i>(if necessary)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Kids who haven't completed their “Tell Your Story” page should do so now.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Provide a pre-class activity page for kids who have finished their “Tell Your Story” page.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Collect the remaining “Tell Your Story” pages after 10 minutes or earlier if everyone gets done.</i></li> </ul>	<p>-copies of pre-class activity page available</p>	
	<p><b>I am so excited for you. You've made the best decision of your life. You've asked Jesus to be your Forgiver, Leader, and Friend.</b></p> <p><b>Let's give Jesus a big praise clap and thank Him for what He has done in our lives.</b></p> <p><i>(Let kids respond.)</i></p> <p><b>Today we're going to talk about the next big step you take after you've asked Jesus to come into your life.</b></p>		<p>2 min</p>

  	<p><b>Does anyone know what that step is?</b></p> <p><i>(Let kids respond.)</i></p> <p><b>That's right. It's being baptized. We're going to answer three questions about baptism today.</b></p> <p><b>1. What is baptism?</b></p> <p><b>2. Why should I be baptized?</b></p> <p><b>3. When should I be baptized?</b></p>		
	<p><b>Let's pray and we'll get started.</b></p> <p><i>(Prayer for class.)</i></p>		1 min
	<p><b>Open up your baptism class handout to page 1.</b></p> <p><b>It says, "You've invited Jesus to come into your life. You are forgiven and have eternal life."</b></p>		2 min



**What's your next step? The Bible says you should be baptized."**

**In the Bible, after people invited Jesus into their life, they were baptized.**



**There is a verse that tells us about this. Can someone read Acts 2:41 for us?**

*(Have a child read the verse.)*

*"Those who accepted his message were baptized." Acts 2:41*

**This verse is an example of people that were baptized after they invited Jesus into their life.**

**Getting baptized is a very important step. Let's talk about it so we have a clear understanding of what it means.**