



BAPTISM HOMEWORK



Parents, thank you so much for leading your child through this homework. The way to get the most out of this exercise is for you to step into the roles of Coach and Interviewer. It's important to help your child think through this content instead of feeding them the answer

Once you complete the packet, you will schedule an interview with a staff member from the Cross Culture Kids Ministry to chat with your child so we can gauge whether or not they are ready for baptism. Enjoy this journey together!

I. WHAT IS BAPTISM?

KIDS: come up with your own definition of baptism. How would you describe baptism to a friend? Write it out in your own words below...

PARENTS: Go online and look up the actual definition of the word "baptism." Write down the definition here:

***PARENTS:** compare the two answers given above. Use this time to help your child understand the actual definition of baptism.

Baptism in the Bible: Read Matthew 3:1-6

Draw a picture of what you think John the Baptist looked like:

- What does verse 6 say people did BEFORE they were actually baptized?



Sometimes it can be hard to understand words like "sin" and "confess" or "repent."
Click on this link to watch a cool video about the story of the Gospel: tinyurl.com/zzqwod4

*As you saw in the video, salvation from our sins come from Jesus alone, not baptism.

- That means, that baptism is a symbol.
- See if you can guess what the following symbols represent:



Baptism is a SYMBOL of _____ and new _____

2. WHY SHOULD I GET BAPTIZED?

What messages are being sent by the people in the pictures below?

Write your answers below...







What kind of message do you send to others by getting baptized?

There are **two good reasons** for getting baptized...here is the first.

#1: It _____ others you want to follow _____

PARENTS: help your kids to understand that how they act sends the biggest message. Their baptism (especially if done during a worship service) sends a message to the whole church that they are being obedient to God!

Here is the second reason...

Read Matthew 3:13-17

KIDS: do you think Jesus is a good example for us to follow? Why or why not?

PARENTS: ask your kids, what example to Jesus set for us when it comes to getting baptized?

Second **good reason** for getting baptized...

#2: Because _____ was baptized and we should try to be _____ Him

3. WHEN SHOULD I GET BAPTIZED?

Let's RE-READ: Matthew 3:6

Which of these 2 came first?

- a) Baptism
- b) Confessing our sins

So when should you get baptized?

_____ you've trusted in Christ

In order to have a relationship with Jesus, we must confess our sins to Him. Why? Because He is the only one who can save us from our sins!

PARENTS: this is a key moment to make sure your kids understand that baptism is not equal to salvation. Baptism always follows a personal decision to follow Christ.

KIDS: have you ever prayed to Jesus, asking him to be the Lord of your life?
Discuss now with your parent.

PARENTS:

After completing this assignment and discussing baptism with my child, select one of the following...

- a) I believe they are READY
- b) I do NOT believe they are ready yet
- c) I would like to discuss this further
 - best way to contact me: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____ **CHILD'S NAME:** _____

*Please cut along line above and turn this back in to MINDI at Cross Culture Church.