How do I know if my child is ready for

baptism?

How Exciting that your child is asking about getting baptized. This is usually a good

indication that they are reaching the next step in their faith.

When your child is asking questions about salvation or baptism we HIGHLY suggest signing up

for our **LEVEL UP** class on our website. This is a class that parents and children take together that

walks you through salvation, baptism and communion.

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Obeying Jesus’ Commandment

“So, you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and

of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And

you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end.” Matthew 28:19-20 NIRV

Being baptized in water is an important step you take in following Jesus. When you became a

friend of Jesus, you were brought into God’s kingdom under Jesus’ control. That means you

have decided to do what Jesus says and follow His example. Jesus was water baptized and

tells us to be baptized as well. Take time right now to read about Jesus’ baptism in your Bible in

Matthew 3:13-17.

Why the water?

Water baptism is an outward picture of what Jesus has done for you on the inside. Jesus died

for your sins, was buried, and then was raised from the dead! When you asked Jesus to be your

forever friend, there was a death, a burial and a resurrection (that means raising back to life)

that happened in you as you prayed the prayer to accept Jesus’ free gift of salvation. (I Corinthians 12:13).

That’s why you go all the way under the water when you are baptized. You are showing people that your old self and all your past sins are buried with Jesus. When you come up out of

the water, you are saying that Jesus has given you new life. Everyone close to you will see the change that has taken place in your heart.

“When you were baptized, you were buried together with him. You were raised to life together

with him by believing in God’s power. God raised Jesus from the dead.” Colossians 2:12 NIRV

What is water baptism a picture of?

Water baptism does not save you. Rather, it has meaning after you decide to follow Jesus and

invite Jesus into your heart and life. Water baptism is a very important step in your new

Christian life. When you are baptized in water, you are telling everyone that you have decided

to follow Jesus all the days of your life. You are choosing to let Jesus be the leader of your life. Your water baptism will always be a reminder of your decision to make Jesus the Leader and King of your life.

“By being baptized, we were buried with Christ [Jesus] into his death. Christ has been raised

from the dead by the father’s glory. And like Christ we can also live a new life.” Romans 6:4

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**As you discern if your child is ready to be water baptized, here are some questions to ask**

**your child. The following answers are examples that show your child’s understanding of**

**salvation and baptism:(their answers do not have to be word for word what you read**

**here, they just need the understanding of what they are deciding to do)**

1. **When did you decide to follow Jesus and become His forever friend?** (Your child should

have a good 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.)

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

It means I’m a Christian and I am obeying God, and I want to show the world what Jesus has done for me.

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

Because Jesus was baptized, and He tells us to be baptized also. (Mark 1:9, Matthew 28:19-20)

Because I’m a friend of Jesus and I want everyone to know I am living my life for Him. (1 John

2:3)