



DISCOVER

BAPTISM

FOR KIDS IN GRADE 5 AND 6

What do you know about baptism?

Write down your ideas

WHO?

WHEN?

WHERE?

HOW?

God's Story

In the beginning...

When God created the world He saw that it was good: the sky with its unbelievable galaxies, the land with so many varieties of plants, amazing oceans and magnificent waterfalls. Animals, fish and insects of every kind made their homes in just the right place for them.

To enjoy all the magnificence of the world, God created people. Everything was perfect! Well, that was until Adam and Eve made a wrong choice. This changed things forever. Yet God still loved the world, everything He created was still special to Him. He had a plan to put this right again, but it involved His Son Jesus.

At just the right time in history, God sent His Son Jesus to live as a man on earth. The remarkable thing was Jesus was willing to give up His position in heaven with God to be in every way like you and I, all except the fact He never sinned.

Look up and write out Luke 2:52

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Jesus' Story

Jesus chooses baptism

Jesus grew and became wiser, stronger and very popular with everyone he met. God was very happy with Jesus and it was time for the next step in Jesus' story.

Read Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River. He wanted to be baptised by John. But John tried to stop him. He told Jesus, "I need to be baptised by you. So why do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be this way for now. It is right for us to do this. It carries out God's holy plan."

Then John agreed. As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened. Jesus saw the Spirit of God coming down on him like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him."

Why do you think John did not want to baptise Jesus?

Why did Jesus want to be baptised?

What happened when He was baptised?

Go back up to the Bible reference and give this story a title

Jesus' Story

Jesus' life

After Jesus was baptised it was time for God's plan to go to the next stage. Jesus, with the help of His friends would change the world forever. Wherever Jesus went, his life was an example to others.

Can you think of examples of Jesus?

SERVING:

PRAYING:

TEACHING:

Jesus' death and resurrection

Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, people have been trying to find a way to deal with sin in their lives. No matter what they tried, sin always got in the way. The final part of God's plan to change the world forever, was Jesus giving up his life to die on the cross.

Just before Jesus died he said, "It is finished." He declared that the battle was over. Three days later he would rise again, defeating sin forever and now they could be forgiven because Jesus had paid the price. God's plan was complete!

Did you know?

Baptism also represents Jesus' death, (Romans 6:3-5,11) burial, (Colossians 2:12) and resurrection. (Romans 6:4-5)

Jesus' Story

Jesus' final word to his disciples

After Jesus spent some time with His disciples and friends He was ready to go back to heaven. Before He did he shared with them some final words and instructions. Check them out!

Read Matthew 28:16-20

Then the 11 disciples went to Galilee. They went to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him. But some still had their doubts. Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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."

What word or words stand out as you read these verses?

What do you think this means for you?

The Story Continues...

The disciples continue the story

After Jesus went home to heaven, His disciples and friends met together and prayed and God met with them in a new way. Now it was time for them to use their story to change the world.

Look up these stories. How was their world changed?

Acts 2:3 - Peter talks to the crowd

Acts 8:36-38 - Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 16:33 - The Jailer

Our Story

We can choose God's way too!

In the same way Jesus called the disciples to "Come, follow me!" he uses us to keep telling His story.

How can we follow Jesus?

These are the important steps in becoming a Christian.

- A** Acknowledge that you need help and repent. (Romans 3:23) which means to stop doing things that are wrong and choose things that you know will please God. (Acts 3:19)
- B** Believe that Jesus is God's son. He died on the cross and he came back to life three days later. (John 19-20 & I Corinthians 15:3-4)
Believe that by Jesus' death, He took the punishment for all the bad things (sins) that people do. (I Peter 2:24)
- C** Choose to love and serve Him for the rest of your life. (Colossians 3:23-24)
- D** Declare, speak out loud, that you want Jesus to take away your sins, to forgive you, give you a new life and to become part of God's Family. (John 3:16)

Have you made that decision to follow Jesus?

Can you remember when?

Our Story

Telling your story

Anyone who has put their trust in Jesus and asked Him to be their forever friend can be baptised. It doesn't matter if they are adults, teenagers or kids, like you. When we put our trust in Jesus and ask Him to be our forever friend, it happens in our heart and mind. No one else can see it happen. Baptism is a public way of telling God and others that you have chosen Jesus to be your forever friend.

Here are three simple steps to telling your story.

1. **BC** Before I knew Jesus...

What actions, attitudes or behaviours were normal for you?

2. **+** Then I learnt...

How did you become aware you needed to change?

3. **AC** Now...

What actions, attitudes or behaviours do I try to show others?

Explain in your own words what Baptism would mean for you?

It's your choice!

Are you ready?

Tick the box for each step you have taken.

- I have trusted Jesus as my forever friend
- I really want to do it
- My parents agree I should be baptised
- I have talked with a Kidspac Pastor about it

What happens now?

In the Bible, people were always baptised by plunging them completely under the water for a few seconds. The word 'Baptism' actually means 'to cover completely in water.' So why is this important? When we are baptised, we are showing that our whole life is changed and that we choose to live like Jesus and follow his example.

Let's look at a couple of baptisms.

I want to be baptised!

What happens next?

Choose when you want to be baptised.

Fill in the Crossway baptism form and return it to a Kidspace pastor.

Decide who is going to baptise and pray for you.

Your parents are the most significant people in your lives. They will be invited to baptise you. You can have one or both parents and they can say a few words before you get baptised.

You can also have your small group leader as well as a Kidspace pastor there alongside you.

Write your story. It's a great opportunity to tell others of what God has done in your life.

When you get baptised you will be able to tell your story of why you want to be baptised to your family, friends and the Crossway church family.

We can video you telling your story earlier or you can read your story on the day you are baptised.



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Getting baptised

On the day of your baptism

You will be advised what time and where to arrive, this will depend on which service you will attend.

A Kidspace pastor/leader will show you and your family around. i.e. where the change rooms are, where to go and where to sit.

A Kidspace pastor/leader will explain when the baptism will happen during the service.

After the baptism you will be prayed for by the people of your choice, as well as your Kidspace pastor/leader.

Don't forget to bring...

Dark coloured clothing to be baptised in, a towel and a change of clothes.

You will want to...

Invite your family and friends and maybe even plan a celebration afterwards.

My Story

My Story



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