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## BEGINNING A CONVERSATION ABOUT FOLLOWING JESUS

### Kids Bible Recommendations

Beginners Bible  
Jesus Storybook Bible  
Explorer Bible  
Action Bible  
Adventure Bible

### YouTube Channel Recommendations

Listener Kids  
Rizers  
eKidz Online  
LifeKids  
Saddleback Kids  
Shout Praises Kids  
CJ & Friends  
Orange Kids Music  
Gateway Kids

### Storybook Recommendations

God Made Me, God Made Friends, God Made Nature, God Made Colors – The Cleaver Factory  
I Prayed For You -Jean Fischer  
Who is Coming to Our House? -Joseph Slate  
Sounding Joy (Christmas) -Ellie Holcomb  
Prayers for Little Hearts -Scholastic  
Just in Case You Ever Wonder -Max Lucado  
Did God Learn His ABCs? -Amy Gannett  
God is Always With Me -Dandi Daley Mackall  
Don't Forget to Remember -Ellie Holcomb  
Found -Sally Lloyd Jones  
Known -Sally Lloyd Jones

### Book Recommendations for Parents

Every Parent's Guide to Navigating our Digital World -Kara Powell  
Seen -Will Hutcherson  
Tough Stuff Parenting -Paul Basden & Jim Johnson  
Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family -Paul David Tripp  
Full Circle Parenting - Jimmy & Kristin Scroggins  
Parenting Beyond Your Capacity -Reggie Joiner  
Let the Journey Begin -Max Lucado  
Parenting is Wonderful -Sue Miller  
Family Discipleship -Matt Chandler

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### Romans Road

Romans 3:23 ...”for all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God.“  
↪ Romans 5:8 ...”while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”  
Romans 6:23 ...”for the wages of sin is death.“ ↪  
↪ Romans 8:1 ...”there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ”  
Romans 10:9 ...”if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, ↪  
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead , you will be saved.”

### ABCs

#### **ADMIT**

that you are a  
sinner in need of  
a savior.

#### **BELIEVE**

that Jesus was crucified,  
buried, and resurrected  
to pay for the  
punishment of your sin.

#### **CONFESS**

with your mouth and  
believe in your heart  
that Jesus is Lord.

### John 3:16

**God Loved. God Gave. Anyone Who Believes. Lives Forever.**

### Conversation Topics

Who is Jesus?

What is sin?

Who goes to  
Heaven?

Why do we  
need Jesus?

What happens  
if I sin?

Is the baptism  
water magic?

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### BAPTISM

#### 1. Why should you be baptized?

##### ***Jesus Christ commands it.***

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

##### ***The Apostles taught it.***

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. (Romans 6:3-5)

It demonstrates that you really do believe and obey the Lord. ...

Many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized. (Acts 18:8)

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.(1 John 2:3)

#### 2. What does baptism illustrate?

##### ***We identify with Christ's death and resurrection.***

In the New Testament, baptism involved a public confession of faith in Jesus Christ. Going down into the water symbolizes / pictures being washed by the blood of the Lamb and being identified with the death and burial of Christ. Rising out of the water symbolizes newness in Christ- a result of spiritual cleansing through Jesus and identifies with Christ's resurrection.

Through baptism, therefore, believers in Jesus Christ are saying they are publicly identifying themselves with Christ and His Body. It is their announcement to all who watch and witness the event that Jesus Christ is their Savior

For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ. (Colossians 2:12)

We have become new people through faith in Christ.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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### 3. Who should be baptized?

***Every person who has trusted Christ for salvation should be baptized as a follower of Jesus Christ.***

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (Acts 2:41)

Simon himself believed and was baptized ... (Acts 8:13)

What about children? There is no biblical basis for baptizing infants. In every recorded instance in scripture, those who were baptized were old enough to have personal faith in Jesus Christ.

***With children, we wait until they are old enough to believe and understand for themselves the true meaning of baptism. This may vary from child to child so we don't have a pre-determined age.***

### 4. How should we be baptized?

***Scripture teaches that baptism is an immersion of the person completely into water.***

The word for baptism in the original language (baptizo) means, "to dip, immerse".

Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water ... (Acts 8:38-39)

As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. (Matthew 3:16)

### 7. Is baptism necessary for going to heaven?

***Baptism is not required to go to heaven.***

Only faith is required in order to go to heaven. Baptism is like a wedding ring—an outward symbol of the inward reality. Baptism is the outward symbol of conversion. It is simply a public testimony of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

If your child expresses interest in baptism, please contact the Kids Ministry team to set up a Baptism Conversation Meeting. This meeting will help determine if your child is ready to be baptized through:

A) Understanding the Gospel & Accepting Christ as their Lord & Savior.

B) Understanding what baptism is and what baptism is not.