



SALVATION/BAPTISM

What does it mean to make a decision to follow Jesus?

Making a decision to follow Jesus means that you are choosing to make Jesus the Lord and Savior of your life. It means that you are turning from your rebellious life where you live for yourself and your desires and begin to live your life to honor and obey God. It's a one-time decision that we pray and tell God all of these things.

How do I know if my child is ready to make the decision to follow Jesus?

There are many things that lead into this answer. The first real answer is that you can never know. Only your child and the Holy Spirit will know if your child is ready to make this decision (John 6:44). There are five real things that your child needs to know to be able to make this decision.

1. God loves them. God made them to be close to them. (Psalm 139:13-14)
2. That we are all sinners in need of a Savior. (Romans 3:23)
3. Jesus is the only answer. (John 14:6)
4. It is their choice. (Matthew 7:13-14)
5. The free gifts:
 - a. Forgiveness
 - b. Eternal Life
 - c. Heaven
 - d. Grace
 - e. Mercy
 - f. Holy Spirit

If you feel like your child has a good understanding of these things, they are probably ready to make the decision to follow Jesus.

What do I do to help my child make the decision to follow Jesus?

We love having parents pray along with their child to make this important decision. You are the primary person in their life who will point them to Jesus, so we want to make sure you are there for this momentous decision. They will need to pray and tell Jesus that they are a sinner and have disobeyed God. Then they will need to acknowledge their belief in Jesus and His death on the Cross and try their best to live their life to honor and obey God.

What is Baptism?

Baptism is a one-time act of being put under the water and brought back up. This act tells others in the church that you have become a Christian. It is a picture of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Baptism does not make someone a Christian. It is your faith in Jesus that saves you. Baptism is an outward picture to others of what Jesus has already done in your life. When you decide to get baptized, it is because you have trusted Jesus to save you, and you are obeying His command to be baptized.

What should I do if I think my child is ready to get baptized?

We love baptizing kids here at Rush Creek! Prior to baptism, your child will need to meet with your campus' Children's Minister to discuss what baptism will look like, what they will need to bring and to make sure they are ready to make this decision. You can email rckids@rushcreek.org to set up a time to meet with your Children's Minister.