

# Baptism

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*This box...*

**Activities to do  
together as a family.**

**Questions to get you  
thinking, talking,  
listening.**

**Stories & scriptures to  
be in God's Word.**

**Challenges to help you  
grow.**

**Resources we trust.**



## First things first.

Welcome friend. Thanks for choosing this box. Maybe you or someone you care about is considering baptism. It feels like a huge decision and you need some guidance.

This box is meant to start the conversation, to give direction, to provide a safe and sacred place to discuss something so transformative. Here you'll find activities to do together, questions to ponder on and discuss, verses and stories from scripture to dig into, some challenges, and additional resources we've found helpful.

Make this content your own. Add or take away what doesn't fit for your family. We are prayerful that this resource helps lead you or your loved one to making the most special decision in your faith...to confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior and put him on in baptism. The water is ready!



# Week 1

## Activity | Write a letter

Teen- Spend some time writing a letter to yourself that you will read after you finish this box. Write about where you are with the thought of baptism. What does it even mean? What are your questions or fears or concerns about it? What excites you at the thought of being baptized? What do you already know about it and what parts remain a mystery to you?

Consider sharing this letter with your parent.

## Questions

How would you describe baptism to someone who knew nothing about it? What happens before, during, and after?

## Stories & Scriptures

Read about Jesus' baptism in each Gospel.

Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, John 1:30-34. Discuss similarities & differences.

## Challenge

Read Matthew 3:13-17 each day. Try to memorize it.

## Resource

This is a great [Baptism Q&A video](https://vimeo.com/156748469) from The Hills Church. Hold phone over QR code to view as well.

<https://vimeo.com/156748469>





## Week 2

### Activity | Don't Wash the Dish

Using the recipe attached or one of your favorite pasta recipes, cook this meal together one night for dinner. After you've finished eating, leave the plate dirty, NO WASHING! Then take the box of brownie mix and make some brownies. When they are finished, eat your brownie off the dirty dinner plate. It is supposed to be gross and strange...but why is it? Ask the teen how this could relate to what happens in baptism? Talk about the dirty plate being like our sin that needs to be washed clean in order to receive the gift of the brownie or Holy Spirit :)

### Questions

What scares you about it or holds you back from choosing to be baptized? How do you think your relationship with God would look different afterwards?

### Stories & Scriptures

Romans 6:1-8. Discuss what these verses mean to you.

### Challenge

On the YouVersion Bible App, do the Bible plan called NEXT STEPS: Baptism as a family.

### Resource

[This article](https://www.fuller.edu/next-faithful-step/resources/baptism/) explains the relations between what God does and what humans do in the act of baptism. Scan QR code to see it.

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## Week 3

### Activity | Birthday Plate

Have you ever seen how some families have a special Birthday plate that the Birthday person in the family gets to eat on on their day? Well same concept but this is for each family member's baptism Birthday. Have fun decorating! Kit and instructions included.

### Questions

When is the right time? How do you know when you're ready?

### Stories & Scriptures

Acts 2:38, 8:38, 22:16

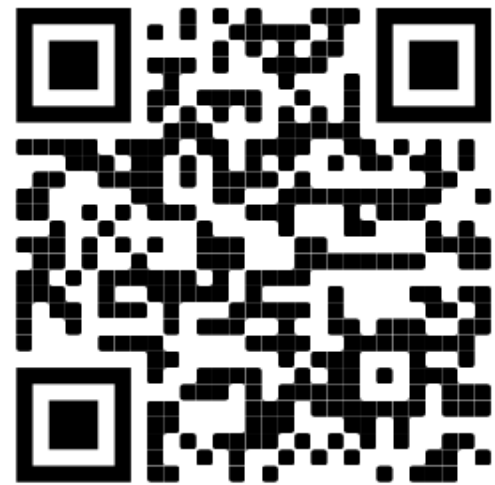
### Challenge

Parents, share your testimony of when you decided to be baptized and why. Talk about what that meant to you and how it has affect your life and faith.

### Resource

[Bible Project video](#) explaining a new perspective on baptism. Scan QR code to see it.

<https://bibleproject.com/videos/gospel-luke-2/>



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# Week 4

## Activity | Bible Trivia Quiz

For a little friendly competition in your family, take the attached quiz or [go to this link](#) and see who gets the best score.

This is a good chance to talk about how we can never "know enough" to be worthy of God's grace. It's not something we can earn with knowledge or our actions. The Holy Spirit is a gift given to us when we are ready to accept it.

## Questions

So the thief on the cross was not baptized but Jesus says he will be in heaven with him. Does his story negate the importance of obedience in baptism? (Check out the resource for a great article that digs into this and gives a pretty solid answer!)

## Stories & Scriptures

1 Corinthians 10:1-3 & Exodus 13:12

Discuss Moses' baptism and the passing through the Red Sea and what that symbolizes.

## Challenge

Go back to your letter from the first of the week. Where do you stand now with those thoughts and questions? Has anything changed? How do you feel the Spirit is moving you forward?

## Resource

[Max Lucado baptism article](#), worth the read.

Scan QR code to read.

<https://maxlucado.com/baptism-the-demonstration-of-devotion/>

