



Kidzrock BAPTISM



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Baptism

We are so excited that you and your child are considering baptism! This is a guide for you and your kid as you walk them through the process of salvation & baptism. Our Kidzrock Ministry exists to partner with the family as we help kids find what matters by connecting them to Jesus and others. We believe that the truths we are sharing each week will serve as a strong foundation as your kid decides to enter into a relationship with Jesus.

However, we only get to see your kid one hour per week while you get to lead and disciple your kid all week long! No one knows your child better than you and we are praying that as you go through this guide that the Holy Spirit will guide your conversation and help you both feel confident in the decisions made. This is not something to be rushed, but a tool to help



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Kidzrock **Baptism Guide**

INTRODUCTION

Why get Baptized and why it is a model we encourage at The Rock.

SALVATION DEVOTIONAL

Helping lead your kid in a devotional aimed at connecting with Jesus.

BAPTISM DEVOTIONAL

The baptism devotional is the response to our salvation devotional. It is the next step in preparing for baptism.

PRIOR TO BAPTISM SERVICE

Information on how to prepare you and your child for their baptism service.

Why Do We Practice Baptism at the Rock?

1 JESUS WAS BAPTIZED:

(Matthew 3:16-17)

If Jesus made it a point to be baptized, we should too.

“He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

Mark 16:15-16

“For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.”

Colossians 2:12

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:16-17

2 IT IS A PICTURE OF NEW LIFE:

(Mark 16:15-16; Colossians 2:12)

Getting baptized is symbolic of going from death to a new life just like Jesus did, going into the tomb for 3 days and then rising from the dead.

“How do I know if my kid is ready for baptism?”

This is a big question and because of that, we encourage you to take your time going through this packet and speaking with your child. We advise parents to wait until their child is asking to be baptized multiple times before you start this journey. Their interest is typically a good indicator of their personal desire to take this step. They shouldn't want to do it because we pushed them into it or all their friends are doing it. **At The Rock we do not make it a practice to baptize kids under the age of 8.** We desire to make sure your child understands the significance of salvation and baptism. That they will be able to look back on it as a moment of obedience and celebration. We also must be careful not to think for our kids or put words in their mouth when it comes to this decision, making sure that it is something your child is truly ready for.

As you discern whether your kid is ready for the step of baptism or not, here are some questions to ask your kid to gauge their level of understanding.



1 WHO IS JESUS?

Your child should be able to have an understanding of who Jesus is. They should be able to describe a time that they made the decision to make Jesus the Lord of their life and begin following him.

2 WHAT HAS JESUS DONE FOR YOU?

Your kid should be able to articulate what Jesus did, and that they need Jesus in their life. There is a big difference in loving Jesus and needing Jesus. We want kids to recognize the sin in their life and their need for a Savior.

And to further help your child with this, walk through the story of the thief on the cross (Luke 23:32-43)

Acknowledge - Luke 23:40 Acknowledge that Jesus is God - we have to understand who He is and why He matters. That's what the thief did - "Don't you fear God?" By looking at Jesus he acknowledged who He was.

Admit - Luke 23:41 Admit that we are sinners. The criminal recognized that what he did was wrong and he deserved death because of it. We are all sinners and deserve punishment because of that. We have to be willing to admit that we have done wrong and show remorse. If we don't, then nothing has changed in our lives.

Ask - Luke 23:42 Ask Jesus to save you. The criminal in his worst moment looked at Jesus and asked Him to remember him. He saw who Jesus was and what He has doing. He knew that He could save him. The same thing happens with us and Jesus. We need to ask him to save us!

If your child has said they have accepted Jesus - walk them through this, asking questions and offering insight to the scripture.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED? Because Jesus was baptized and told us to be baptized as well. Because I want a new life with Jesus for eternity.

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“How do I continue to lead my kid after their decision?”

“I’m confident my kid is ready.”

If you believe your child understands what it means to be baptized, then we would love for you to read through the baptism devotional with them. Once again, we are in no rush, the more understanding that a child has, the better it will be for them in the long run.

Also, refer to the “Prior to the Baptism Service” section of the guide to prepare you and your child for their baptism service.





“I don’t believe my kid is ready yet.”

If you are not sure your kid is ready after working through the guide, ***tell them to WAIT to be baptized.*** There is no set time a person has to be baptized, so do not worry if your kid is not ready. It’s important to realize that **baptism is not what saves you**, yet it is the response at the proper time for someone who has been saved. It’s a mile marker on the road and it’s something that we want them to remember.

If you determine that your child is not ready, then continue the conversation and tell them to wait until their next birthday or when school starts back up or a major holiday to ask about baptism.

If they remember and bring up baptism once again then pick the packet back up and work through it.

Salvation Devotional

This devotional isn't meant to be a surprise pop quiz for you and your child. The aim is for you both to open Scripture together and have a connect time where you lead your child into a connection with Jesus. We recommend that you schedule time to sit down with them and read through the scripture below, do it over the course of a few weeks or months. Make it a moment as a family. Read the prompts in each section and then, together, read the related scripture.

1

WE ARE CREATED AND LOVED BY GOD

READ GENESIS 1

The God of the universe who created everything from the smallest molecule that's too small for our eyes to see, all the way to entire galaxies and put them into motion, created YOU in his image. This means God made us to be like him so we are very important to him!

GENESIS 1:27

"So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them male and female."

ACTIVITY:

Listen to what your child says that they love or they find to be "Very Good" and then go do/get/watch whatever they say! If they say the love lego's once you are done with part 1. Go build legos!

ASK: *How does it make you feel that God made you in His image?*

THEN: Verse 31 says that God looked over all that he made and said that it was VERY GOOD!

ASK: *What are some things you love, some things that you find very good?*

Regardless of how we feel about ourselves, we need to know that God loves you and he knows everything about you! (Psalm 139) And God made us to love him and to be in a friendship with him. And scripture tells us that he is holy and good.

THE BIG PROBLEM AND BIGGER SOLUTION

READ GENESIS 3, ECCLESIASTES 7:20 & ROMANS 3:23; 6:23

The issue is that we mess up and do wrong things, and this is called sin. That's what Adam and Eve did, and we do it too! When we sin we deserve to be punished for them, and the punishment is being separated from God forever!

ASK: *Who falls short of the glory of God? And what is the punishment or result of sinning?*

THEN: Every time we sin it's like we owe a billion dollars to pay off that one sin, and if we count up all of our sins then we owe more money than any human could ever pay! BUT God loves us and He wants us to have a friendship with Him so He carried out a plan that He had from before the beginning of time to pay off our debt.

ECCLESIASTES 7:20

"Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins."

ROMANS 3:23

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

ROMANS 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

1 TIMOTHY 2:3-6

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

ROMANS 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

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. It is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

READ

1 TIMOTHY 2:3-6, ROMANS 5:8, & EPHESIANS 2:8-9

ASK: *How did God show His love for us?*

THEN: God loved us so much that He sent His son, Jesus, to earth to live a perfect life without any sin to take the punishment we deserved for our sin by dying on a cross for us. When Jesus died it was like He paid off the money we owed for all the sins we committed, like we talked about earlier. God accepted Jesus' payment on our behalf. But Jesus didn't stay dead! Jesus came back to life to show that He is more powerful than anything, including death!

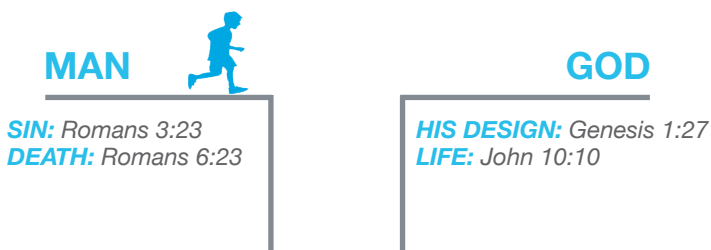
ACTIVITY: *Go get ice cream and take a piece of paper. While spending time together, walk your child through the bridge illustration on the next page, draw what is shown and have them draw it out too, you can make it as detailed or simple as you desire.*



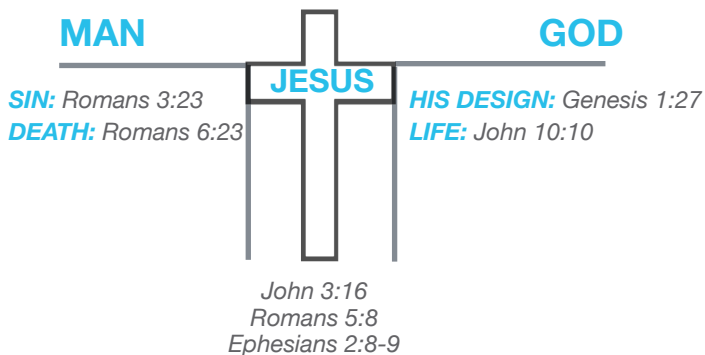
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SAY: *God is the creator of all things and most importantly He is the creator of you and He made you special and unique (Genesis 1:27); and He made us to be in a friendship with Him and experience a life full of His love and eternal life with Him one day in heaven (John 10:10). However, we just learned that man chooses to disobey God and sin and this separates us from God (Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:23). This separation means death and that separation looks like this:*



On our own we could never cross this gap, the gap is wider than the Grand Canyon and there's no way we could ever get to God on our own. Jesus' death on the cross alone paid for our sin and bridges the gap between us and God!



Our response to this Good News is to have faith in Jesus and to follow Him. Faith means trust and commitment - acknowledging our sinfulness, trusting Christ's forgiveness, and letting Him control our life. Why? HE is what matters most! Because of that we have eternal life! This is a gift for us to receive. Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection are the bridge for us to get to God and to heaven.



3 WHAT TO DO

In the first two parts of the devotional we talked about God's Creation and that He created us in His image to have a friendship with Him and experience His love. We also learned that we sin which causes us to be separated from God. And finally, we learned that Jesus is our one way to get to God and it is only through His death on the cross that we can experience the eternal life and love that God promised us.

ASK: *Now how do you receive salvation?*

THEN READ ACTS 3:19 & ROMANS 10:9-10

ASK: *What do you think repent means?*

THEN: Repentance means to ask God for forgiveness and then turn away from whatever sin you were doing and turn to God instead! Scripture is clear that if you tell Jesus that He can have control of your life and believe in your heart that He rose from the dead you will be saved!

So the key to us being saved is to ACKNOWLEDGE that Jesus is God and He is the greatest thing in the world because He loves us and would die for us. ADMIT that we have messed up by sinning and we need to be saved. Then we must ASK Jesus to save us! He's the only one that can!

ACTIVITY: *Ask your child to summarize how they can be saved and if they choose to believe it then together, you and your child can pray a prayer of salvation like the following:*

"God, I know you love me. I acknowledge who you are. You are God. I admit, I have sinned and I am so sorry. I believe in my heart that Jesus, your son, died for me and you brought him back to life. Because of that I am asking you to save me today. I want to follow you because you matter the most. Thank you for saving me AMEN"

BAPTISM DEVOTIONAL - 3 PARTS

4 OBEYING JESUS' COMMISSION

READ MATTHEW 3:13-17 & 28:18-20

Being baptized in water is one of the first steps you take in following Jesus. A follower of Jesus does not just learn about Jesus, but listens to Jesus and does things He did. The reason you should get baptized in water is because Jesus did it himself and He told us to as well.

ASK: What is the reason you should be baptized in water?

THEN: When you believe in your heart that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died for you and rose again, you became a friend of Jesus and were brought into God's Family under Jesus' control. That means you have decided to do what Jesus says and follow His example. Jesus was baptized in water so we should be too.

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

*¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." **Matthew 3:13-17***

5 IT IS A PICTURE OF NEW LIFE:

Being baptized in water is showing that just like Jesus died and rose from the dead, you can too. It's showing you going from death to life. You are dying to your old self and raising up with a new life! When you asked Jesus into your heart and became one of his followers, there was a death, a burial and a resurrection that happened in your spirit. Baptism is showing that!

"For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead." - Colossians 2:12

"13 Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12:13

This is why when we baptize people at The Rock we dunk them all the way under. You are showing everyone that sees your baptism that who you were before you started following Jesus and all of your sins are buried with Jesus. When you come up out of the water, you are showing that Jesus has given you new life. Everyone will see the picture of the change that has happened inside of your heart.

ASK: *What is baptism a picture of?*

6 DECISION OF FAITH

Baptism is not what saves you. It has no meaning or purpose until after you have decided to follow Jesus and invited Him into your heart and life. When you decided to follow Jesus, you made a decision of faith to receive Him in your heart. When you are baptized you are making a decision of faith to follow Him for all the days of your life. When you go through good times and bad times, it allows you to remember your life change! Baptism will always be a reminder of your decision to follow Him, it's a mile marker in the road.

ASK: *When you are baptized, it means you have made a decision of faith to do what?*

THEN READ ROMAN 6:1-11 -> 1 Peter 3:18-21

This means that who you are while following Jesus should look very different than who you were before you started following him. This does not mean you or your life will be perfect. There will be times when you will sin and make wrong choices. When this happens, we can repent and ask Jesus to forgive us and then do our best to follow Jesus' example.

ASK: *What do you think are some ways that we can connect with Jesus and learn more about how he loves us and how he wants us to live our lives?*

You can make Jesus the leader of your life by connecting with him everyday by reading the Bible and talking/praying to him. As you read and pray, you will discover things about him and how he wants you to live.



PRIOR TO THE BAPTISM SERVICE

1. With the parent's help, the child needs to complete the Baptism Devotional section of this guide, then have a conversation with a Kidzrock leader to discuss the baptism process, and answer any questions. Then your leader will walk with you or send you to the connect corner to sign up for baptism.
2. Sign your child up for baptism at the Connect Corner. Choose a service and then invite family and friends to the baptism service! This is a huge event in your child's life. What better way to celebrate your kid's public decision than by having family and friends to cheer them on and party?!
3. We recommend that at least one parent go into the baptismal with their child. Parents are, by far, the biggest influence in their kid's spiritual growth, so having a parent help in their child's baptism is significant and appropriate.
4. On the day of your child's baptism service, immediately before your child's baptism, it is recommended that you and your child briefly meet with your campus' Kidzrock Leader so that they can prepare you for the baptism and so they can pray over you and your child to help celebrate this awesome event.



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Devotional Answer Key:

Part 2 Q1: All people fall short, the punishment is death and eternal separation from God

Part 2 Q2: God showed his love for us that he sent his son, Jesus, to earth to live a perfect life without any sin to take the punishment we deserved for our sin by dying on the cross for us.

Part 3 Q1: Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus is the son of God, he died for you, and you give him control of your life.

Part 3 Q2: Repent means to recognize your sin, ask for forgiveness, then turn to God instead of whatever you were doing before

Part 4 Q1: Jesus was baptized in water

Part 5 Q1: Baptism is a picture of the new life that we have in Jesus

Part 6 Q1: When you are baptized you are making a decision of faith to follow him for all the days of your life.

Part 6 Q2: Reading the Bible, praying to him, and going to church.

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