

Hey Parents!

Below we have outlined for you a conversation that you can have with your child, when they come and ask questions about being baptized, or when they ask to be baptized. Now, we cannot know with 100% certainty that a person is saved, but these questions will help point us in the right direction. I wish we could hold kids up to a light and see if Jesus is inside of them, but unfortunately, that does not work. This conversation can help us see what God is doing in their life and help us learn what they know about God.

We hope this helps you and your child as you talk through these important decisions in their life, and as always, we are here to help!

Kids Ministry at Family Church

**Conversation:**

**Parent**

**Child**

**I heard you want to be baptized...why do you want to be baptized?**

*Answers can vary widely:*

- A) Mom and dad want me to**
- B) I don't want to be**
- C) I'm a Christian and I'm supposed to be**
- D) To become a Christian**

*If C, then:*

**So you are a Christian?**

**Yes**

**Can you tell me all about it? When it happened?**

**They tell salvation experience.**

*After they tell their story ask:*

**Can you tell me what sin is?**

**Disobeying God**

**So let me ask you this...have you ever sinned before?**

*\*To be saved...they must have come to the place where they can say "I know I have sinned against God."*

**A) No** (See Response 1)

*\*Then go into helping your child understand that they are learning great things about God and God wants them to learn more.*

**B) Yes** (See Response 2)

Response 1:

**You have taken a great big step towards God and I'm so proud of you.** End discussion.

\*For further conversations, focus on helping your kids understand sin and how it separates us from God. Always be willing to come back and have another conversation when your child is ready to come back into a conversation.

Response 2:

**Tell me what some of those sins are**

**Has there been a time when you asked God to forgive you NOT of sins but of being a sinner?**

\*Do they understand the difference between an act of sin (hitting their brother/sister) and a state of being a sinner, something we cannot fix on our own. They realize that sin has separated them from God.

**Tell me what you think Heaven is like.**

**Streets of gold, crowns, angels, etc**

**Is there any sin in Heaven?**

\*The answer is no

**So, if there is no sin in Heaven, you just said you have sinned...how can you get into Heaven?**

**A) Do good things, obey, be baptized...**

\*Red flag needs more discussion.

**B) Put my trust in Jesus Christ to forgive me of my sins.**

\*You want to make sure that the child understands who Jesus is and what He did on the cross. Anything other than this, they need more explanation.

**Below is a great question that helps us with if they understand what salvation is.**

**Who is your best friend? Is he a Christian? Let's pretend he isn't...How would you tell him about how to get to Heaven?**

\*If they CAN answer this question, that's a big indicator that they would be ready to be baptized.

\*If they CAN'T, it's important for us to take steps toward Jesus.

As a reminder, it's God's place to convict our kids...not ours. Asking questions about Jesus and wanting to know more is a great place for your child to be! Always be open to talk more and answer questions.

If after having this discussion with your child, you believe that they are a Christian, then they are ready for the Kids Be Class. Please visit [ourfamily.church/kids](http://ourfamily.church/kids) to register

If you feel like your child is not ready to take the class, contact Kids Ministry at [kids@ourfamily.church](mailto:kids@ourfamily.church) for more resources that can help in future conversations..