

Salvation

Is my child ready to ask Jesus to be Lord of their life?

Use the following questions to determine if a child is ready to ask Jesus to be Lord of their life. Remember, there is no magic to the questions. The main goal is to determine if the child recognizes that their own sin separates them from God and that Jesus' death on the cross makes them right with God. Use the suggested verses to help you.

Who is Jesus? Matthew 3:16-17

God's Son.

What is sin? Romans 3:23

Younger kids may not understand the word sin. In Better Life Kids, we teach kids that sin is the wrong things we've done that get in the way of our friendship with God.

Have you ever sinned? Romans 6:23

Yes. (Lying, cheating, stealing, angry outbursts, doing bad things, etc.) Feel free to help by talking about things you have done wrong or currently struggle with to get your child talking. The main thing you are looking for is that they have an awareness of their own sin.

What did Jesus do on the cross? Why did He have to die? John 3:16-17

Jesus died on the cross for our sins so we can be forgiven.

NOTE: If you don't feel your child understands what sin is or why Jesus died, they are not quite ready to take this step of salvation. Celebrate that they are searching and encourage them to keep asking questions! Pray over them for the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to their hearts!

What happened after Jesus died on the cross? 1 Corinthians 15:4

He rose again; he came back to life.

Do you want to ask Jesus to save you and be your best friend? Romans 10:9-10

If yes, encourage your child to talk to God (pray) asking for forgiveness of their sins and to be Lord of their life. It may be something like this: "Dear Jesus, I am sorry for the bad things I've done. Thank you for dying on the cross to forgive me for my sins. I want you to be Lord of my life and save me from my sins. Help me to live my life for you. Amen."

Congratulations! Luke 15:10

You've just led your child into a relationship with Jesus! The next step is for your child to tell others (neighbors, family, friends) about their decision followed by baptism to declare their faith publicly! Encourage your child to read their Bible to learn more about the better life God has for him/her and to pray to Him every day!

Baptism

Is my child ready to be baptized?

Has your child been asking questions about being baptized or even asked you if they can be baptized? Use this guide to help you determine their readiness for this next step!

STEP 1: I know I have been saved by Jesus. Romans 10:9-10

Can your child point back to a time they have asked Jesus to be Lord of their life? If not, start here. Use the other side of this card to help you.

STEP 2: I want everyone to know I have been saved by Jesus. Acts 8:12-13, Mark 16:16

Ask your child why he/she wants to be baptized. Baptism does not make you a believer, it shows you already are one! Baptism is an “outside” symbol of an “inside” change. When we get baptized, we want the word to know we believe!

STEP 3: I understand what baptism is all about. Romans 6:4

Explain that baptism takes place in the water and it is a picture of what Jesus did when He took the punishment for our sins. When you go under the water, it shows you believe Jesus died for you. When you come out of the water, you show others that you believe God brought Jesus back to life.

STEP 4: I am ready to be baptized! Matthew 3:15-17

Jesus was baptized to be an example to us and we are to obey Him in baptism! If your child is ready to take this next step, congratulations! You can sign up for Baptism in the Red Room or online at <http://www.better-life.church/baptism>. If you are unsure, table the conversation and pray with your child, encouraging him/her to continue seeking the Lord and asking questions!

If you have any questions, please talk with your child's Small Group Leader on Sunday or e-mail the Better Life Kids Director at kids@betterlife.church.

