

# BAPTISM!

## KIDS' LIFEGROUP GUIDE

WEEK: 11/24/19 - 11/30/19

### OVERVIEW:

- **Part 1:** Catch Up On Life (15 Minutes)
- **Part 2:** Baptism Review (15 Minutes)
- **Part 3:** Reflection (15 Minutes)
  - Optional - Part 3a: Snack (5 Minutes)
  - Optional - Part 3b: Sing (5 Minutes)
- **Part 4:** Prayer Time! (15 Minutes)

### PART 1: CATCH UP ON LIFE (15 minutes)

**Setting:** Sit in a circle with kids and adults interspersed! Adults sitting amongst the kids helps everyone engage and pay attention. Parents - you are always responsible for your kids, but you're also looking to engage with other kids in your group.

- *Leader Note: If your group eats dinner with your kids, this is the best part of the guide to do together while you eat. Add 15 minutes for everyone to get their plates and start eating. Then shift into intentional conversation as the kids are starting to finish their food.*

**Vision:** God calls the church -- and our LifeGroup -- to be family! Because of this, we want our kids to know our adults and our adults to know our kids. The best way to get to know each other is to ask each other questions and tell each other about our lives.

- *Leader note: While you're getting started, have an adult -- or older kid -- read this vision statement. After you've done it for a while, you can ask kids if they remember why we ask each other questions. Help them to remember that God's making us family, so we want to get to know each other.*

#### Questions:

- 1.) What was your high and low from the week?
- 2.) **Kids Pick!** Let each kid ask the adults in the group one question.
  - Click [here](#) for a bank of questions for Kids to ask Adults if they're having a hard time thinking of any.
- 3.) **Adults Pick!** Have each adult ask the kids in the group one question.
  - Click [here](#) for a bank of questions for Adults to ask Kids if they're having a hard time thinking of any.

## PART 2: BAPTISM REVIEW (15 minutes)

**Say:** God uses stories of what He’s done in people’s lives to encourage others. We want to take some time to think about what He’s done in the lives of the kids who were baptized on Sunday and see how it might change us -- change the way we think (Head), what we love and value (Heart) and what we do (Hands).

### REVIEW:

**Ask:** Kids, what do you remember from the stories you heard on Sunday? (Pause and let them think of what they can remember.)

**Transition:** That was awesome! Y’all did a great job remembering. Ok let’s watch the video again and see if we remember anything we forgot or notice anything new this time.

### WATCH THE VIDEO STORY:

Click here to watch the [Kids Baptism Video](#).

### TALK THROUGH THE VIDEO:

*Leader Note: If your kids are younger, it helps to give them journals. For each question, have them write their answers first and then go around the circle and share.*

#### “Before I met Jesus...”

- Question: Zoe said that before she met Jesus she was happy, and now she’s joyful. What do you think she meant by that?
- Teach: Happiness is often thought of as that good feeling you get when things are going well (which is not a bad thing, by the way!). Joy, however, is a choice believers can make because they know that there’s more to life than things going the way you want them to. (James 1:2-4)

#### “The sins that I struggle with are...”

- Question: What were the sins that those kids say they struggle with?
- Question: What are the sins that you struggle with? This can include ones that were mentioned in the video or not. (Adults answer first, then kids!)

#### “The gospel is...”

- Question: What did the kids in the video say the gospel is?
- Teach: That’s right! The word “gospel” means “good news”. So like they said, the gospel is the good news that even though humans are sinners and deserve death, God sent Jesus to live a perfect life, die on the cross for our sins, and raise again so that whoever believes in Him can have eternal life!

## PART 2: BAPTISM REVIEW (CONTINUED)

### “I want to get baptized because...”

- Question: Why did the kids in the videos say they wanted to get baptized?
- Question: Did any of them say they wanted to get baptized in order to become a Christian? (No!)
- Teach: That’s right, getting baptized isn’t what saves you--trusting in Jesus is! Baptism is a picture of our need for Jesus and what He has done for us. So when we get baptized, we are saying we believe in Jesus, want to follow Him, and want to be united with Him forever.
- Rapid-fire questions: Alright, I want y’all to shout yes or no for these next questions about reasons to get baptized:
  - Did any of the kids in the video say that they wanted to get baptized because their parents wanted them to? (No!)
  - Did any of them say they wanted to get baptized because their friends are getting baptized? (No!)
  - Did any of them say they wanted to get baptized because they thought that God would be mad at them if they didn’t? (No!)
  - Did any of them say they wanted to get baptized because they thought God would love them more if they did? (No!)
  - Finally, did any of them say they wanted to get baptized because they wanted attention at one of our big baptism celebration parties and be on a video? (No!)
- Teach: Great job! Those are all bad reasons to get baptized, right? Good reasons to get baptized, like they said, are because they want to show other people that they love Jesus, because they know they’re sinners and need God’s help, and because they believe in Jesus!

### APPLICATION:

#### 1.) Should I get baptized? If so, when?

- Teach: Like we’ve been saying, baptism isn’t something you do in order to be saved, and frankly there’s no rush! Yes, it is something that believers are commanded to do once they’re saved it’s important that people understand what they’re doing when they’re getting baptized, that they’re saying publicly that God has saved them and they’re going to follow Him.
- Teach: If you ever do find yourself wanting to follow Jesus for yourself and not just because your parents do, then that’s awesome! Talk to your parents about that. And then after that, if you find yourself wanting to get baptized, then that’s awesome too! Talk to your parents about that, too, and then you can all go and talk with Midtown pastors about it and decide if it’s time or not.

#### 2.) The gospel really is good news!

- Adults first then kids - How is the gospel good news for you?!

## PART 3: REFLECTION (10 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper to each child or tell them to get their journals. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What did these stories teach me about God or about the gospel?
- What did these stories teach me about myself?
- What is one thing I need to do in light of these stories? (Help the kids think of ways they can grow, how they might pray for help or practical steps of repentance they can take.)

After the kids have had time to write down their reflection questions, go around the circle and share one at a time (kids and adults).

As well, have everyone (kids and adults) share an area in their life that they need God's help. Have the person sitting to their right pray for them.

## OPTIONAL - PART 3a: SNACK (5 minutes)

If your group doesn't eat dinner together, now is a great time to stop for a snack break before spending time praying together and talking about living on mission. For Kidtown we keep snacks simple with Goldfish for most kids and Gummy snacks in case a kid has Gluten allergies.

## OPTIONAL - PART 3b: SING (5 minutes)

Play one or both of these videos of songs that we sang on Sunday and sing and dance along!

- [Hallelujah for the Cross](#)
- [Everlasting God](#)

## PART 4: PRAY FOR THE MISSION (15 minutes)

**Vision:** God calls His people to share with others the good news of Jesus. This means that we try to love others with our actions and with our words. We want all our friends to know about Jesus and His great love for them.

**Questions to Ask** (pick 1):

- What friends or neighbors of yours can we pray for today?
- How can you show God's love this week to someone who might not know Him?
- Who could we invite to do something fun with our LifeGroup friends this month?

**Pray:** Invite each kid to pray for their friends or someone else's friend to come to know Jesus. Have one adult close out the time, thanking God for how we get to be family together and asking God to bring more people into His family!