

# Water Baptism Guide

We are so excited that you are considering baptism for your child! Every child can have a personal relationship with Jesus, and in Creekwood Kids, we encourage each child to make a decision to follow Him. Our children are encouraged to learn about Jesus by attending services, participating in small groups during services, learning their memory verses, and completing their God time Cards. We advise parents to wait until their child is asking to be water baptized. This is usually a good indication that they are ready to be baptized and that it will be a spiritual milestone in their life.

As you discern if your child is ready to be water baptized, here are some questions to ask your child. The following answers show that your child understands water baptism.

## **1. When did you decide to follow Jesus and become born again?**

*Your child should have a specific memory of when he or she understood what Jesus did, and that he or she needs Jesus in their life. It may have been at church, at home, or even when they were alone.*

## **2. What does it mean to be water baptized?**

*I am following Jesus, and I want everyone to know! It is a picture of what Jesus has done on the inside of me.*

## **3. Why do you want to be water baptized?**

*Because Jesus was baptized and he tells us to be baptized too. Because I want to follow Him. Because I am born again.*

If you feel your child understands what it means to be water baptized, then we would encourage you to read through the water baptism devotional with them.

**If Your Child IS NOT Ready:**

If you feel your child does not understand what it means to be water baptized, it is entirely appropriate to wait. During this time, let your child observe water baptism and talk to them about what it means. We would love for you to read through the water baptism devotional with your child and encourage them in their personal friendship with Jesus.