



I BELIEVE
IN JESUS!

my
BAPTISM
BOOK

SPECIAL NOTES FROM THOSE WHO LOVE YOU MOST:

THIS IS TO CELEBRATE THAT

my name

WAS BAPTISED ON

date you were baptised

AT

name of church

BY

signature of person who baptised me

“HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT WHEN WE WERE JOINED WITH CHRIST JESUS IN BAPTISM, WE JOINED HIM IN HIS DEATH? FOR WE DIED AND WERE BURIED WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM, AND JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORIOUS POWER OF THE FATHER, NOW WE MAY ALSO LIVE NEW LIVES!

ROMANS 6:4 & 4

WHAT BAPTISM IS NOT...

- a way to get to Heaven
- something to save you
- to get you closer to God
- to make you more Holy
- to make God love you more

The water is just plain old water from the tap. There is nothing magical about it.

Baptism is about what happens before and after that day. It is a **SYMBOL** of a decision you have made already.

BAPTISM IS LIKE A WEDDING

When two people get married to they fall in love on their wedding day? [] YES? [] NO?

No Way! Before that big day, they met, got to know each other and fell in love. Then they made a promise to love each other the rest of their lives. Then, on their wedding day they shared the promise they already made to everyone in a special celebration.



Baptism is like that. It is a time to tell everyone that you love God, have chosen to follow Him forever.

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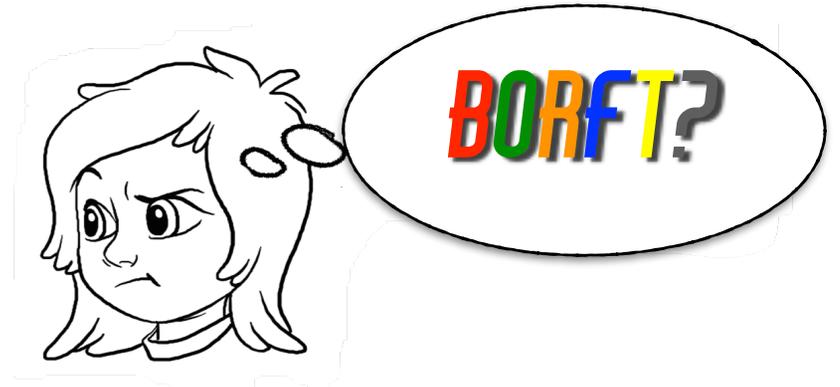
NOW WHAT?

You are not in this alone! You have a lot of people to support you on this new whole life-long journey of following Jesus! Name a few of the most important people who will help you.

Do you have questions? What makes you excited about being baptised? Is there anything you would like us to pray about? Write whatever comes to mind.

FIVE IMPORTANT THINGS

We like to call them BORFT!



They are the first letters of five things important to remember about baptism:

B
O
R
F
T

BELIEVE

Being baptized shows that you **believe** in Jesus.

Read Acts 18:8

After the people in Corinth heard about Jesus from Paul, what did they do? _____

What do you need to believe in? Look up John 3:16

FOR GOD _____ THE WORLD
(YOU, AND ME AND EVERYONE)

THAT HE _____ HIS ONLY SON
(JESUS, WHO DIED ON THE CROSS FOR US)

THAT WHOEVER _____
IN HIM WILL NOT PERISH

BUT _____ EVERLASTING LIFE.

It's simple:

God LOVED, God GAVE, We BELIEVE, We RECEIVE

What do you believe? _____



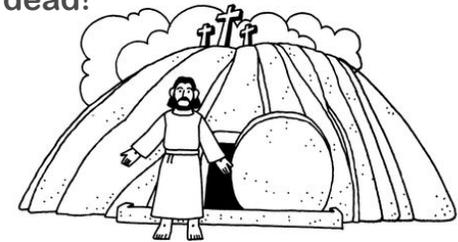
ACTING IN A PLAY

Getting baptised doesn't make you a Christian. It is an **OUTWARD EXPRESSION** of an **INWARD DECISION** you have already made.

When you get baptized it's like you are acting out a little play. You are remembering that Jesus died and came back to life again. First you go all the way under the water. This is like when Jesus died carrying all our sins on Him and was buried.



Then we come all the way out of the water. It is like when Jesus rose from the dead!



When we get baptized we are saying:

"I want all my wrong ways of living to die!"

"I want to live a new life following God!"



REPENT

Let's say that you were driving with your family and you came to the end of a road. At the end you saw two new roads and a sign like this.



Could you travel to Listowel and Wingham at the same time? YES [] NO []

If you somehow got on the road to Wingham, but you really wanted to go to Listowel, what would you have to do?

It's the same in life, too. We can't follow the right way and the wrong way at the same time. If we're going the wrong way, we must turn around and go the other way. Our wrong ways are called sin and turning around is called:

REPENTING

Remember that Jesus promises to forgive us and take care of our sin when we REPENT and CONFESS that we have sinned. 1 John 1:9 says:

"If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness!"

FOLLOW

When we BELIEVE in Jesus we want to do the same things that He did. The Bible calls those that FOLLOW Jesus DISCIPLES.

Read Matthew 3:11.

This man called John was

with water those who _____
of their sins and turn to _____. He told the people that soon someone else was coming who he didn't feel worthy to baptise.

Read Matthew 3:13-17.

What happened when Jesus came to John at the Jordan River? _____

Jesus also wants us to FOLLOW His example and be baptised like He did! If you are a follower of Jesus, you are his friend and He wants you to talk to Him and learn more about Him! When you do that people can see a bit of who Jesus is like by watching you!

ITS GOOD TO HAVE A PLAN!

What time of day do you read your Bible? _____

When do you talk to God? _____

Who will help remind you to do these things? _____

If you need some ideas about what to read, ask an adult or a leader at church!