



Dear Parents or Guardian:

Your child has expressed interest in baptism. We typically do baptism on the third Sunday of each month. Prior to baptism there is about a 2 to 3-week process of preparation including the baptism testimony video we need to shoot 2 weeks before baptism. When we baptized our Westmore Children's ministry kids, the baptism testimony video serves three great purposes:

- 1) The process of preparing the video helps kids learn how to articulate their faith story,
- 2) The video helps communicate their faith story to the church family and to any whom you show the video to like out of town family and friends, and
- 3) the video is something they can keep forever to remember this faith defining moment and even share with their own children one day.

Imagine being able to show your children today a testimony video from your life when you were their age. This could be very powerful and formative in their life as it helps to secure their identity knowing that this is who we've been and this is who we are. We are the body of Christ.

Along with this letter there should be a baptism teaching guide you can review with them. We use this, along with the baptism testimony video, to teach other kids about baptism on the day your child is baptized. Also, there is a baptism video questionnaire sheet to go over with your child to help them articulate their faith story and prepare for the baptism video shoot.

You can email [grobinson@westmorechurch.com](mailto:grobinson@westmorechurch.com) to schedule a baptism video shoot. This starts the process to prepare for baptism. We look forward to this great step of faith development in your child as they identify with the body of Christ through the sign of baptism.

Blessings,  
Pastor Ginger Robinson  
Westmore Church

## **Baptism Teaching Guide:**

“How many of you know what we’re celebrating?” (rhetorical or field answers) “How many of you understand what baptism is?” (...or a show of hands)

Baptism is a sign or a picture of what has happened in the life of the person who by faith has believed in Jesus Christ and has been saved by His grace. It shows us what has taken place in the new believer’s heart, which you cannot see outwardly when a person is saved. Baptism is a testimony by which the new Christian gives public testimony that they have believed in Jesus Christ and have been born again. Through baptism the new convert is joining and identifying themselves as Christians, and becoming a member of God’s Church.

### **Baptism is obeying Jesus...**

Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 28:19, *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*

Baptism in Jesus’ day was outside and public. People out and about could see it happen and see publically who was professing their faith and salvation in Jesus. Sometimes we do outside baptisms today, but many are done inside churches in a Baptismal.

Baptism is for a believer in Christ, someone who has received Jesus as his or her Savior. It does not save you, but is an outward sign or symbol, a testimony and expression of what Jesus has done to save you.

Do you know what I mean by symbol?

**Symbol:** (I explain what a symbol is using familiar symbols.)

The McDonalds Arch is not McDonalds, but a symbol of McDonalds.

A cross is not Christianity, but a symbol of Christianity. Likewise, baptism is an outward symbol or sign of what Jesus has done inside your life.

We believe in baptism by immersion. Does anyone know what immersion means?

### **Immersion:**

We believe in baptism by immersion. Immersion is when your body completely goes under the water before rising up during baptism. It symbolizes/ represents your life completely dying to your fleshly nature and rising up as a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Baptism by immersion symbolizes dying, being buried, and rising to new life in Jesus.

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”*  
2 Corinthians 5:17

Baptism is obeying the command of Jesus, making public your belief in Jesus as your Savior and that He’s forgiven you of your sins, and showing how He’s cleansed you and is making you new! If you have received Jesus as your Savior and want to be baptized, have your parents contact Pastor Ginger soon!

## Baptism Video Questions for Video Testimony Prep:

### Intro:

- Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and this is my story.
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ years old in \_\_\_\_\_ Grade and I go to \_\_\_\_\_ School.

### Personal Interests:

You can name some things he/she likes or hobbies.

- One of my favorite things to do is \_\_\_\_\_ (or) I really love to \_\_\_\_\_.

What is your favorite Bible verse/ story?

- My favorite Bible story is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
- My favorite Bible verse is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

### Personal Testimony:

- I received Jesus as my Savior when \_\_\_\_\_
- My first memory of a Baptism is when \_\_\_\_\_.
- I want to be baptized because \_\_\_\_\_.

Why should others who believe in Jesus get baptized?

- I think it is important to be baptized because \_\_\_\_\_.

What difference has Jesus made in your life?

- Since Jesus has been in my life I \_\_\_\_\_ (or)
- Jesus has made a big difference in my life because \_\_\_\_\_.

How do you feel knowing you belong to Jesus?

- Knowing I belong to Jesus makes me feel \_\_\_\_\_.