

Child Baptism FAQ

About Baptism

Baptism is a milestone moment in the life of a Christian. It's the moment when a Christ-follower publically affirms his or her relationship to Jesus. Learn more at <http://whoisgrace.com/next-steps/what-to-expect/salvation-baptism/>.

How Do You Know when your child is ready to take this step?

For Parents of Elementary-Age Children:

- We've developed a "For Families" class where parent and child explore the meaning of salvation and baptism. By the end of the session you and your child will have had a meaningful conversation about how to become friends with Jesus, what it means to follow him, and the significance of salvation. This class is open to all parents, grandparents, and guardians with elementary-age children.
- If you wish to have your elementary-age child baptized at Grace, your child and a parent must take this course together. At the end of the workshop, you'll be able to assess whether your child is ready for baptism or not.
- Go to whoisgrace.com/events to find and sign-up for the next class.

For Parents of Teens:

Since teens are growing independence, we expect your son or daughter to initiate a conversation with their youth director, **Kristin Hesch**. Kristen will interview your student to make sure he or she understands salvation and baptism. She'll also stay in communication with you throughout the baptism process.

Why don't we baptize babies?

People arrive at Grace from many faith traditions and varied spiritual journeys. Most Christian traditions have some ritual that responds to the spiritual magnitude of a new baby coming into the world. Some traditions baptize infants while others dedicate newborns. We believe baptism is only for those who have made a conscious decision to follow Jesus.

If you have any questions regarding baby dedication please contact GraceKids Central Lead, Jalonna Kruger (jalonna@whoisgrace or 814-790-4973).