

Pre-Baptism Question for Kids

Here are some questions that could be asked of children who have expressed an interest in being baptized¹.

About the gospel:

- What is a Christian?
- How does one become a Christian?
- What is the Gospel?
- Why do you need Christ?
- What did He do for sinners?
- Why did He have to do that?
- Who required Him to do that?
- Could God have just forgiven us? If not, why not?
- What is there in God the Father that required Him to punish His Son?
- What was Christ doing on the cross?
- Who was He making payment to?
- What if He didn't make that payment?
- Who are the only two persons who can pay for our sins?
- If we pay for them, how long will it take?

About sin:

- When do you believe you first trusted in Christ?
- How many of your sins do you need Him to pay for?
- Which sins in your life have made you most aware of your need for Christ's atonement?
- How do you feel about your sins?
- After you realize you have sinned, do you ask God's forgiveness for that sin?
- If so, do you try to do that immediately or do you usually wait until the end of the day or later on?
- What do you say to Him?

¹ Perhaps ask no more than 3 or 4 questions at a time, then give it a few days before asking another question or so. In between sets of questions, be praying that the Lord will give great clarity to you and your child about their spiritual condition and readiness for baptism.

About transformation:

- What people has God used the most to show you your need for Christ?
- Are there any sermons or Sunday school lessons that God especially used to convict you of sin?
- What verses of Scripture give you the most hope and comfort?
- Why do they give you comfort?
- Do you believe that your life is changing?
- In what ways is your life changing?
- Has your attitude and behavior changed toward your brothers or sisters or friends? In what ways?
- How has your relationship changed with your parents?
- Are you more obedient to mom and dad than you used to be? In what ways?
- How do you feel about going to church?
- Do you ever get anything out of the sermons?
- Do you ever feel that God is talking to you during the sermons? Could you give an example?
- Do you ever find yourself praying during a sermon because of what you have just heard? Could you give an example?
- When you see your father and mother observing the Lord's Supper, do you desire to be doing it with them?
- Why do you desire to participate in this ordinance?
- Do you ever pray during the day? What do you say to God?
- Do you read your Bible?
- What do you get out of your Bible reading?
- What sins do you presently struggle with the most?
- Do your friends know that you are a Christian?
- Do you want to be baptized? Why do you want to be baptized?
- If Dad and Mom and/or your pastors feel that it's too soon for you to be baptized, how will you feel about it? How will you respond?