

Baptism & Chrismation (Confirmation) Preparation Study

Welcome to preparation for baptizing your child! This is a most important and special time for you and your child. In order to refresh and deepen your knowledge of Jesus as Savior, we have these pages for your personal at-home study using your Bible to understand the Word of God. Begin by praying to the Holy Spirit to help you. Prayer: ***“O Lord, send me your Holy Spirit to enlighten my mind to understand your wonderful salvation and love of people. Open my mind to deepen my faith and love in You. Amen!”*** Now begin by getting a pencil or marker and open your Bible to the Book of Genesis.

Read Genesis 3: 8-24 (re-read as much as you need).

✘ Why was God looking for Adam and Eve?

✘ Why did Adam and Eve hide from God?

✘ List 5 results of Adam and Eve sinning.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

✘ What does God say is going to happen to the evil one because he tricked the man and woman?

✘ Who is this “He” who will strike at the devil’s head?

✘ How does this “He” strike at the devil’s head?

✘ What will the devil do to injure this man?

Read Paul’s letter to the Romans, Chapter 5: 12-17.

✘ How did sin enter the world? Through whom?

“With sin came death and this death to all.”

Read on to verses 18-21.

✘ How does acquittal and life come to all?

✘ In verse 19, many were made sinners through the disobedience of whom?

✘ How does grace reign through justification for eternal life through whom?

✘ In Hebrew “Adam” means man and “Ben” means son. Jesus called himself “the Son of Man.” How does this relate to the two men? One brought death and sin through disobedience and the other undoes the first by obedience and suffering death for all. Write a few sentences comparing the two.

Read the Gospel of John, chapter 3.

✘ What does Jesus say a person must do to see the Kingdom of God?

✘ How are we born again?

✘ Each one of the following are symbols of Baptism. List some of their meanings.

Water _____

Chrism Oil _____

White Garments _____

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Read Acts, chapter 2.

✘ What day did the Holy Spirit appear?

✘ Where were the Apostles when the Holy Spirit came, and what were they doing?

✘ How did the Holy Spirit manifest Himself when He came? How did they experience Him? (three ways)

✘ Who did they preach to? Why were those people in Jerusalem?

Read Exodus, chapters 24 and 40.

✘ What Old Testament feast day was Pentecost?

✘ In Exodus Chapters 24 and 40, how did God manifest His presence?

✘ How many days was it from the Jewish Passover in Egypt to Pentecost at Mt. Sinai?

✘ What was so special about Pentecost at Mt. Sinai?

Read the Gospel of John 4: 19-23 about Jesus encountering the Samaritan woman.

✘ How will authentic worshippers worship the Father in the future?

Read St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12.

✘ Describe the body of Christ. What is it, and who is it?

Read St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 14.

✘ What is the purpose of the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Who has them? What gifts do you think you have and how can you use them?

✘ Who does Paul say a Christian should marry?

Guides to a Spiritual Home for Christians

To make your home a more Christian and God-centered home, we suggest the following tips that have helped other families:



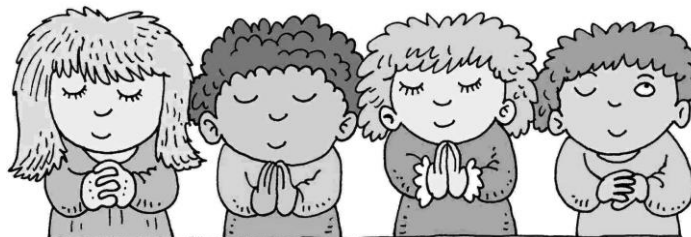
- Make a set time to pray with your young children, whether it's at bedtime or another favorable time.
- Start your children off with simple prayers and then teach them the Hail Mary, the Lord's Prayer, the Kadeshat, and the Sign of the Cross.
- Allow your children to take turns in praying at your main meal. Keep it simple, and allow them to pray using their own words and in some of the suggested prayers in their religious education text books.
- Have a designated altar in your home. It may be in the kitchen, living area, or hallway. Have holy pictures, statues, and your Bible there. Get icons of their patron saints when possible. You may allow your children to bring flowers and to light a candle (when you're home) and learn the safety involved in burning a candle. You may want to place the picture of a loved one who has died, is sick, or is traveling. Let them gather there to pray. Allow your children to clean the altar on a regular basis. You may want to burn incense on special days.
- Go over the children's lessons when you leave church. See what they learned in religious education and allow discussion of the topics. Do not shy away from topics because you do not know much about them! Tell the children, "We will ask Father or the Deacon about it."
- Place crucifixes over your entrance doors and over the beds in your home.

- Limit the amount and content of the television that your children watch. Know that they will be learning unchristian morals from television and movies. Don't be afraid to criticize shows and content. You must talk about the beauty and role of sex in God's plan. In addition, don't forget to watch the computer and what your children are doing with it.
- Have religious materials lying around on the tables and encourage your children to read Bible stories. Religious crossword puzzles and trivia books are available at half priced book stores.
- Know the friends that your children have. Don't be afraid to be selective. Remember, these are your children, and you want to protect them from unhealthy influences and dangers to their well-being, bodies, and souls.
- Take time to talk and play with your children. Don't be too stuffy and don't take your problems out on them. You need to pray most of all so that you can be the best and most loving parent for them. Then, let God do the rest!

“Unless you become like these little children, you will not enter the Kingdom of God.” *Matthew 18:3*

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” *Psalms 111:10*

“Pamper your child and he will be a terror for you; indulge him and he will bring you grief.” *Sirach 30:9*





Baptism & Chrismation (Confirmation) Information

PRINT CLEARLY. This information is used on certificates and church records.

Date of Baptism: _____

Name of Person/Child: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ City & State of Birth: _____

Father's Name: _____

(LAST)

(FIRST)

Mother's Name: _____

(MAIDEN NAME)

(FIRST)

Godfather's Name: _____

Is he a practicing Catholic? _____

Godmother's Name: _____

Is she a practicing Catholic? _____

Is either Godparent represented by a proxy? _____

If yes, write name of proxy: _____

Are Parents married by a Priest? _____



As the parents of this child, we realize that Jesus commands us to Baptize and to teach this child in the ways of God and the Catholic Church. We promise to attend Liturgy weekly and on Holy Days and to raise this child as a Catholic. By Baptizing this child we are recommitting ourselves and committing this child to Christ!

Father's signature: _____ Date: _____

Mother's signature: _____ Date: _____