

WHY BELIEVE?

4th-5th



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church

PART 1

WELCOME TO

WHY BELIEVE?

We're so glad you made the time to explore the truth of the gospel and what baptism is all about.

On the next page is an activity called, "The Terrible Lie".

Use a *Jesus Storybook Bible* to find the answers to the questions and fill in the blanks.

(Parents, depending on the age of your child, the best use of your time may be to have your child come up with the answers while you write them down.)

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THE TERRIBLE LIE

Turn to page 28 and read “The Terrible Lie”. Then, answer the following questions. (This story is also available at summitconnect.org/why-believe.)

1 At the beginning, was everything perfect?

2 What is the name of God’s enemy?

3 Why did God need to send Satan out of heaven?

4 How did Satan disguise himself in the garden?

5 What was the one rule God gave Adam and Eve?

6 What would happen if Adam and Eve disobeyed?

7 Finish this sentence:
God knew that if they ate the fruit, they would think

8 What did the snake make Eve wonder?

9 What did Adam and Eve do after they ate the fruit?

10 What had come into the world that would never leave?

11 What did God do for his children before they left?

12 Do you think this story is over? Why or why not?



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When you are ready, watch the Why Believe video and follow along in your workbook.

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

There are two types of stories—nonfiction and fiction (real and not real).

Who are two people from a story that **ARE NOT** real?

1

2

Who are two people from a story that **ARE** real?

1

2



“For God so loved the world...”

The first thing we need to know and remember about God is that—

“GOD LOVED”

Write down the name of someone who loves you A LOT:

What does that person do to show you that they love you SO MUCH?

Can you imagine that GOD LOVES YOU even MORE than that person?

He really does!



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BAD STUFF HAPPENS...

The Bible calls the things we do wrong “sin” and this sin separates us from God.



It says in the book of Romans:

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Write down some of the sins (wrong things) that you’ve done:

A large white circle containing ten horizontal lines for writing.



“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him...”

It's not enough to know about God's gift; we have to receive it. If someone gives you a gift, but you never take it, then you don't actually have the gift, do you?

Believing means trusting. You trust in things every day, just like the chair.

What are two things that you trust every day?

1

2

What are two things that you can trust Jesus with?

1

2



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“...whoever believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life.”

We get the gift of being a part of God’s story. That means we get to have abundant life while we are here on earth!

I get to be a part of the _____ God is writing.

What does it mean to have abundant life?

**Jesus died on the cross,
but he did not stay dead!**

Three days later, he rose from the dead. This proved that he was stronger than death. Because of that, we get to live forever with God and everyone in his story.

How does it make you feel knowing that even after your time on earth is over, you get to be a part of God's story FOREVER?



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“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

-John 3:16

Please complete this page before attending Why Believe Part 2.

HEAVEN BREAKS THROUGH

Turn to page 200 and read “Heaven Breaks Through”. Then, answer the following questions. (This story is also available at summitconnect.org/why-believe.)

1 What was John’s job?

2 Who do you think the Rescuer is?

3 Why did John baptize people?

4 What two things did baptism show?

5 Who did John say was “the One”? _____

6 Why did Jesus get baptized?

7 What does the Lamb of God do?



PART 2

WHY BELIEVE?

READ EPHESIANS 2:1-10

Highlight anything that stands out to you.



“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

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In your own words, what do you think the passage is saying?

How are we saved?

Why do we need Jesus?

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Water baptism is an outward statement of an inward commitment. It's the way we show others that we are a follower of Jesus. Christians normally do this one time, and usually when they first become a believer.

Baptism is a symbol of what Jesus has done for us.

- 1 Standing in the water is like Christ being on the cross.
- 2 Going under the water is like Jesus being dead and buried.
- 3 Coming out of the water is like Jesus rising again from the dead.



"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

-Romans 6:4

Baptism does not:

- make you more of a believer.
- guarantee you'll get into heaven.
- mean you will stop sinning.

It's a way to show everyone that you believe in Jesus and that you plan on following him for the rest of your life.

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WHY SHOULD WE GET BAPTIZED?

God created baptism. Jesus was baptized and told his disciples to go and baptize everyone. So, as a follower of Jesus, we follow his example of being baptized and obey God's word.



"When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." -Luke 3:21-22

What does this passage tell us?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I GET BAPTIZED?

You will go into the water, normally waist-deep. The person who will baptize you will stand next to you. He will ask you three questions:

- 1 Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?
- 2 Do you trust him for the forgiveness of your sins and for your salvation?
- 3 Is it your intention to follow him all the days of your life?

Then, they will dunk you under the water and bring you back up again.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M READY?

You are here tonight to help you decide if this is the right time for you to get baptized. If now is not the right time, that's totally fine. Here are some other questions that might be helpful in deciding if you are ready to be baptized. Take some time to answer below.

- 1 Have you asked Jesus to be the leader of your life?
How do you know?

- 2 Do you promise to completely live as a follower of Jesus?

- 3 What is baptism and what does it mean to be baptized?

- 4 If you decide baptism is right for you, take some time to write about why you want to be baptized.
