

# Baptism & Communion

A Workbook  
For Parents  
& Their Children

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In preparing for Communion or Baptism you as parents should take the time to explain what these two important steps of faith mean in their walk with God. You know your child best, and when you go through this booklet you will know if your child is ready to take another step in their faith. These steps of faith may be years apart, they may not be ready right now but with your guidance and preparation your child will be better prepared and have a better understanding of these events.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact a Southridge Pastor or an Elder of Southridge Community Church.

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# What is God Like?

Now that brings a few questions to mind. Did you know adults have questions about God, too? Everyone has questions about God. God is so big and so different from us, we can't understand everything about Him. God has chosen to tell us some things about Himself, through the book He has written, the Bible. Let's look through the Bible, maybe we'll find answers to some of the questions we have.

## God is Eternal

*Read: Psalm 90:2*

God has no beginning and no end. That is very hard to imagine!! What do the words "God is eternal" mean to you?

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## God Never Changes

Every year YOU change, as you grow up and grow older you are constantly changing – but God does not change He stays the same. He was the same during Bible times, the same now and will be the same at the end of time. He is the same forever.

*Read: Malachi 3:6*

## God is All Powerful

God can do anything. Our God, Who created the world and everything that is in it.

*Read: Genesis 17:1*

*Read: Matthew 19:26*

What does this verse tell us about God? \_\_\_\_\_

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## God Knows Everything

Did it occur to you that someone knows ALL of your secrets? God knows all of our secrets, you read about this in the following verse.

*Read: Psalm 139: 1-4*

Do you know you can talk to God about EVERYTHING? What does this passage say to you?

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## God is Everywhere

It is hard to imagine that God is everywhere. He can be two places at once or five... or a hundred and five.

*Read: Jeremiah 23:24*

Do you have a secret place to hide? \_\_\_\_\_. Think about that place. What if you turn that into a special place to meet God? What would you say to Him? What would you talk about? ANY place can be that special place. ANY time can be that special time. He is with you all the time.

## God is Faithful

Did you know that God has made you over 1000 promises in the Bible? And He has kept every one of them.

*Read: 1 Corinthians 1:9*

God has promised to take care of us. Look up the following verses to see some promises God has made to you.

*1 John 1:9, Philippians 4:19, Romans 8:28, John 14:2, Psalm 91:14*

## God is Holy

*Read: Leviticus 19:2*

God is Holy. That means God is perfect. He never has, and never will do anything wrong. Sinless!!

## God is Fair and Just

Do you feel sometimes things aren't fair? You probably do, especially if you have brothers or sisters. What things do you feel are not fair?

Everything that God does IS fair.

*Read: Deuteronomy 32:4*

God is just, which means He is always fair by His standard. When God asks us to be holy, and we aren't, His justice demands a consequence.

We know that He will always be fair... by His rules!!

Are you able to describe the difference between fair and just?

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## God is Love

God loves everything He has made. In fact 1 John 4:8 tells us that.

*Read: 1 John 4:8*

He wants only what is good for each of us.

*Read: John 3:16*

In this verse how does God show His love?

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We have studied to find out what God is like. Another characteristic about God that is important for us to understand is His grace. Grace is undeserved favor. It's all the love God gives us that we could never earn. In the next section you will study God's grace through His plan for Salvation.

# God's Plan for Salvation

## God's Perfect Creation Was Ruined

In Genesis 2, compare what God told Adam and Eve about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil with what the serpent told them about the tree in the following verses.

*Genesis 2:15-17*

*Genesis 3:1-5*

What God Said	What the Serpent Said

Read Genesis 3:6. Did Adam and Eve obey or disobey God? \_\_\_\_\_

What two things entered the world because of their disobedience?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

How does Adam and Eve's sin affect you and me? \_\_\_\_\_

According to *Romans 3:23*. How many people have sinned? \_\_\_\_\_

## What is Sin?

Adam and Eve's choice to disobey resulted in a LOSS OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD for all mankind. Later God gave a list of laws in *Exodus 20:1-17*, look it up and see if you can find ten.

1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

*Read James 2:10*

What does it say about your sin?

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What is the result of sin in our lives according to *Romans 6:23*?

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What kind of death is this verse talking about?

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### God's Solution

Even though we have all sinned and should be separated from God forever, God still loves us and has provided a way for us to be forgiven.

*Read: Acts 13:38.*

Through Whom do we have forgiveness?

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Who is Jesus? *Read John 14:6*

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What did He do? *Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

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Christ paid the penalty for our sins. He met God's requirement of sin for us. After reading the following verses tell what a person needs to do to receive the free gift of eternal life.

*Read: John 1:12, John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10*

*Read: 1 John 1:9, Mark 1:15*

To “confess” our sins means to agree that you have sinned in God’s eyes. To “repent” means to turn away from our sins and turn to God.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and died for your sins? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you ready to let Him be in charge of your life? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to pray right and now and thank Him for dying and for giving you forgiveness?

*Read Hebrews 13:5*

When you ask Jesus to be your Savior and Lord he makes a promise to you!! What is that promise?

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How long will He be your Savior and Friend?

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## Doing What God Wants Me To Do

God wants us to obey

*Read: 1 John 2:3-6*

How do we know God is living in us?

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*Read: Romans 12:1*

What is this verse telling us to be?

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What is a sacrifice?

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What is a living sacrifice?

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What can you do to be a living sacrifice?

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*Read: Romans 6:13*

What is this verse telling us to be?

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What is an instrument?

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How can you be an instrument of God's righteousness?

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### God Gives Us His Power

God never runs out of power, unlike a battery in a toy that runs out over time. He gives us His power to be what He wants us to be – and the supply never runs out!

*Read: Ephesians 3:20*

According to this verse, who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine?

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What is at work within us?

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## God Wants Us to Pray

*Read Philippians 4:6-7*

How many things does God want us to pray about?

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What should your prayers include?

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What will guard your heart and mind?

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In Whom can we find peace?

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*Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

List three things that should be part of our lives.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## God Wants Us to Study His Word

*Read: 2 Timothy 3:15-16*

How does God talk to us?

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Can you find four things for which Scripture is useful?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Can you find a 5<sup>th</sup> thing in verse 17?

5. \_\_\_\_\_

## God Wants Us to Go to Church

Church is a place for us as Christians to meet together to encourage and support one another. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. Toward what two things should we spur on one another?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Read: Acts 2:42

Describe what the early church did when they came together.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite part of church?

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## God Wants Us to Tell Others About Jesus

Read: John 1:41

What is the first thing Andrew did after he found Jesus?

\_\_\_\_\_

What did he say?

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Read: 1 Peter 3:15

If someone was to ask you where your hope comes from, what should you say?

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*Read: Romans 1:16*

Can you list the names of several people you could talk to about Jesus this week?

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Does this sound like a tough assignment? A good verse to think about is *Philippians 4:13* "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

Where does your strength come from to do what God wants you to do?

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Keeping God's rules will make us happier people.

*Read: Psalm 119:14*

Describe what the result will be for you if you follow God's commands.

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*Read: Ezekiel 36:26-27*

Look for two things, in this verse, that God has given you to help you follow His commands.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you carefully thinking about what God has asked you to do and following His rules? Are there any new things that you have learned that you will want to do since you are on God's team? What are they?

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# Communion

## The Passover Story

The Egyptian Pharaoh made slaves of God's people, the Israelites, for many years. But God promised Moses that He would rescue them as we read in *Exodus 3:16-17*.

*Read: Romans 6:16*

What can we be slaves to?

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What leads us to righteous living?

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But God had a plan to rescue the Israelites. He sent ten plagues to the Egyptians until Pharaoh would release God's people. You may remember some of them – locusts, frogs, boils and flies to name a few. Pharaoh was stubborn and would not let them go.

Read in Exodus 12:1-11 about the commands that God gave Moses. This sounds like a lot of rules to follow, but God has some very special things to say in each of these commands.

*Read: Exodus 12:12-13*

What was sacrificed to save the Israelites? \_\_\_\_\_

Moses and the people followed all the instructions, and here is what God did for them in Exodus 12:29-32

The blood on the doorposts protected God's chosen people when the Egyptians were judged for their sin. They were "passed over" in judgement and rescued from slavery. What a celebration for them that must have been!!

# Christ – Our Passover Lamb!!

Read 1 Corinthians 5:7b

Who is being compared to the lamb in the Passover story?

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How were the Jews “passed over” in the book of Exodus?

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Why do you think Jesus is called the Passover Lamb?

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## The Great Miracle!

God commanded his people to continue celebrating the Passover meal every year to remember how they had been freed from slavery. Then on one special Passover night, Jesus asked His disciples to gather together to eat the Passover meal with Him.

*Read Luke 22:12-13*

When Jesus met with His disciples, what event were they celebrating? \_\_\_\_\_

Meanwhile, other important events were happening.

*Read Luke 22:1-2 and Luke 22:54.*

What was about to happen? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus had already told His disciples that this was about to happen, but they didn't completely understand.

*Read Matthew 26:2*

What did he tell them? \_\_\_\_\_

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It was not a coincidence that the Passover meal and Jesus' arrest and death on the cross happened at the same time.

When we put our trust in Jesus, we are rescued from sin and death and “passed over” in the final judgment! Jesus is our Passover Lamb!!!

*Read Luke 22:14-16 and Luke 22:19-20*  
How does the bread remind us of Jesus?

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How does the cup remind us of Jesus?

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What are we remembering in communion?

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Jesus wanted to give the disciples and us something so we will remember what He has done for us. Through communion He continues to share Himself spiritually with us, even though He is not physically here.

Communion is a serious reminder of how He gave Himself to us in the ultimate sacrifice on the cross. He is sharing a gift that keeps on giving throughout eternity.

### To remember when taking Communion

1. *Read: 1 Peter 2:24*

During communion, I remember what \_\_\_\_\_ did for me on the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. *Read: Matthew 28:20b*

During communion, I am reminded that \_\_\_\_\_ walks with \_\_\_\_\_ daily.

3. *Read: 1 Corinthians 11:26 & Matthew 26:29*

During communion, we remember that Jesus will return to share in \_\_\_\_\_ with us as He did with His \_\_\_\_\_.

4. *Read: 1 Corinthians 10:17 & 1 Corinthians 12:12-14*

Even though we are members we are part of one \_\_\_\_\_.  
During communion, we think about \_\_\_\_\_.

*Read: 1 Corinthians 12:15-23a* on how we can work together.

## Part of God's Family

*Read: 1 John 3:1a*

What does having a relationship with God mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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If fellow believers are children of God, what kind of relationship do you have or should you have with fellow Christians?

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We are all a part of the family of God. Fellow Christians are brothers and sisters. Taking communion is a time of sharing with the family of God. Can you think of some good things about being in a family? \_\_\_\_\_

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In God's family we care for one another, encourage one another and protect one another. In God's family we help each other grow.

## Who Should Receive Communion

*Read: Acts 2:41-42*

Notice how those who shared in the "breaking of bread" were those who "accepted the message." They were Christians.

Who should receive communion? \_\_\_\_\_

## Why do We Receive Communion

*Read: Luke 22:19-20*

In these verses what is the reason to receive communion?

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# Is Baptism for me?

*Read: Isaiah 64:6* tells us what we look like on the inside before we are “cleansed”. Sounds pretty bad, right?

In *1 John 1:9* read about how we can become “cleansed” on the inside.

Are you clean on the inside? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you “do” to become “cleansed”?

Think of how God can forgive ALL of our sin, pretty amazing heh?

How do you respond to a God that cares about you that much?

*Read: John 14:15* “*If you love me, you will obey what I command.*”

One of Jesus’ greatest commands is found in *Matthew 28:19*.

What does He command us to do?

## Baptism

Baptism in the Greek dictionary means “to dip” or “to wash”. But there is only one way to be clean on the inside.

*John 15:3* “*You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.*”

Jesus says that way is \_\_\_\_\_

We are actually cleansed of our sin before baptism.

## Baptism is a Symbol

1. Baptism is a symbol, or picture, of the washing that has already taken place inside of us when we ask Christ into our lives to be our Savior.

2. Baptism is a symbol of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

*Read: Romans 6:3-5*

From the verse, (*Romans 6:3-5*) can you compare each of the following parts of baptism to the part of Christ's death and resurrection it symbolizes?

Baptism	Christ's Death & Resurrection
Going Under the Water	
Coming Out of the Water	

3. *Read: 1 Corinthians 12:13 and Colossians 1:18* to discover the third truth that baptism symbolizes.

“For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one \_\_\_\_\_

List the three truths that baptism symbolizes that we just looked at:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Should you be baptized?

Have you:

- Asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior?
- Asked for forgiveness and turned from sin?
- Decided you want to obey and follow Him?
- Decided you want to be baptized?
- Been challenged in your faith, through life experiences, that have challenged you to follow God's guidance?
- Can you describe when, where and how you asked Christ into your life to be your Lord and Savior?
- Can you describe a time in your life that you have had to depend on God and His guidance?

If you can say that the above statements are true in your life and walk with God, then YES be baptized! You should talk this step over with your parents. Then together as a family should meet with one of the Pastors or Elders of Southridge Community Church.