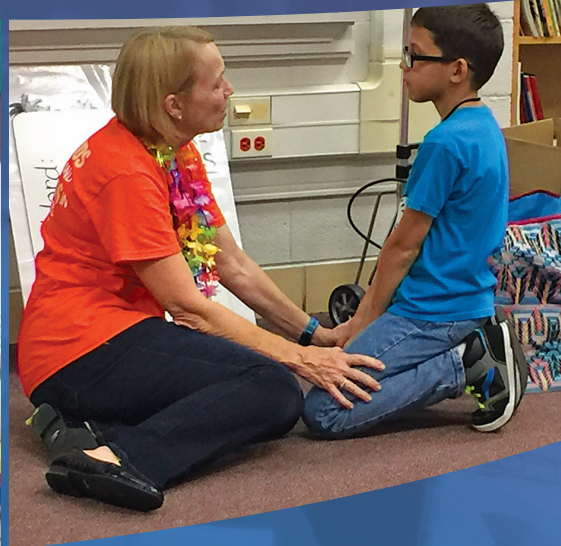




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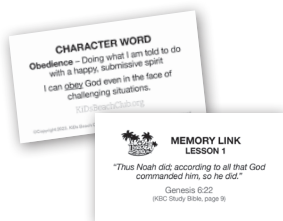
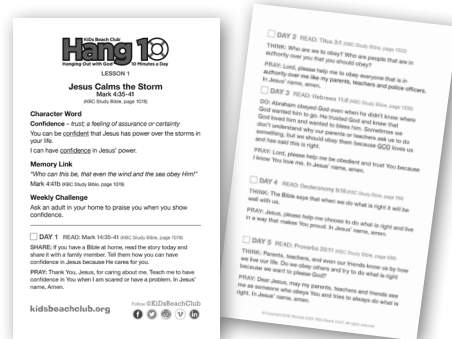
Foundational Principles for Young Believers



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SPEND 10 MINUTES EACH DAY WITH GOD

“Hang 10” is the phrase used by KiDs Beach Club® to encourage kids to hang out with God for 10 minutes each day reading the Bible and praying. At the end of each Club meeting, kids are given “Hang 10 Pages” to take home and use as a guide to spend time with God each day. Some Clubs even offer prizes to kids who return their completed Hang 10 Pages to Club the following week.



In addition to the Hang 10 pages, memory link cards are sent home with children each week. These cards are smaller cards that have the weekly memory verse on one side and the teaching objective on the other!

KIDS BEACH CLUB® YEAR-ROUND!

KiDs Beach Club® (KBC) is not just a school-year only program designed to connect kids to Christ and put Bibles in their hands. It is so much more! With KBC Explorer's Study Bibles now in their homes, boys and girls can continue at home what they started learning in Beach Club®.



During the summer, we host the Hang 10 Summer Reading Program, which continues reinforcing character and good habits like daily Bible reading and prayer. The Summer Reading Program typically runs between Memorial Day and Labor Day each year. We post the Summer Reading Program on our website – KiDsBeachClub.org/srp and share it on social media using Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

PLUS, KiDs Beach Club® is now an award-winning television show, available in all 50 states and every corner of the world! Your child can follow the Beach Club® kids as they learn character, Bible verses, stories, and play games - all from the comfort of your own home. Check your local listings or go to KiDsBeachClub.tv to learn more!



DO YOU HAVE A CHURCH HOME?

If you do not already have a church home, please consider attending the church that sponsors the Beach Club® at your child's school. That church has made a commitment to invest in the spiritual growth of your child, and that investment extends to your family!

Become a part of a church family that gathers weekly to worship God. Church means getting together with other believers to worship Jesus Christ, hear the scriptures together, and encourage one another in the faith. We grow more together than we do alone.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching" Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)



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SHARE YOUR BEACH CLUB® STORIES WITH US!

At KiDs Beach Club® we are grateful for you and are excited to hear how the Lord is working in your child's life as a result of Beach Club®.

As the Lord provides powerful moments through Beach Club®, please take a moment to share them with us by emailing stories@kbcmail.org.

Hearing these stories not only inspires our staff but they encourage our amazing team of volunteers, as well as thousands of parents and friends of the ministry.

Our desire is to not only showcase the kids in our Clubs but to show our amazing donors and supporters how their prayers and financial gifts are resulting in life-changing experiences in communities and public schools across the country.

Follow us on social media or check out our blog (kidsbeachclub.org/blog) to learn more about what's happening at KiDs Beach Club®!





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HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

The self-guided study guide “**Jesus, Baptism and Me**” was created as a tool to help parents prepare their younger children for the important step of faith – **following Jesus Christ in Water Baptism**. In this study you and your child will make the following discoveries:

- ✓ **ASSURANCE** - Helping children understand and affirm their individual decision to follow Jesus Christ and His work of salvation and redemption in their lives (becoming a Child of God.)
- ✓ **OBEDIENCE** – Helping children understand why we are called to follow Jesus Christ in water baptism.
- ✓ **EXPECTATION** – Helping children understand what they can expect when they are baptized.
- ✓ **GROWTH** – Helping children grow in their new faith as they learn how to stay close to the Lord through...
 - The indwelling ministry and presence of the **Holy Spirit!**
 - The wonderful love letter from God we have received in the **Bible!**
 - The daily privilege we have in learning how to come to the Lord in **Prayer!**
 - The love and strength we can receive by regularly attending **church** and becoming a part of a loving church family!

This is meant to be an **interactive study** with your child. You will gain the most out of it together by allowing your child to:

- ✓ **FIND** the Bible verse referenced. (You can also help them learn the books of the Bible in the process.)
- ✓ **READ** the Bible verse out loud. (You can help them with any words that they do not know, but assist them in reading the verses themselves and out loud.)
- ✓ **ANSWER** the questions themselves. (You can assist them in asking key questions that will guide them in their discovery, but it is important that the “discovery” is theirs personally.)
- ✓ **PACE** the study according to your child’s personal level of interest and understanding. In a classroom setting this will take on a different dynamic. However, the goal is not to rush the child to complete the booklet, but to help them grow in personal understanding about their salvation, baptism and personal walk with Jesus Christ.
- ✓ **ENJOY** the study with your child. This discovery process is meant to be both life changing and fun. (Use creativity in finding examples that can further illustrate the truths. Example: When you study about the butterfly, see if you can find a caterpillar, a cocoon or a butterfly and use this discovery process to add emphasis to the teaching point.)
- ✓ **CELEBRATE** the answers and discovery of your child. When they get an answer correctly – rejoice with them. Let them know that both you and the Lord are proud of them!

I have met so many adults who said they were baptized as a child “*without understanding*.” I created this booklet to help make their baptism one that is meaningful and filled with life lasting understanding and change! I pray that you and your child will be blessed as you discover the wonderful truths regarding – “**Jesus, Baptism and Me!**”

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Founder, Resurrection Christian Outreach

Making Jesus My Personal Lord & Savior

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3 (KBC Study Bible, page 1151)

I. Do you know where butterflies come from?

A. Have you ever seen an ugly brown caterpillar crawling on the ground? Did you know that the beautiful butterflies we see come from ugly caterpillars? This does not happen automatically, but it takes an important change taking place in their lives. You and I are like the caterpillar. If we want to become God's children and be assured that we have been forgiven from all our sins, and are going to heaven, we also need to have a change in our lives. This is what Jesus meant when He said that we must be "Born Again," we must be changed.

B. Why do we need to be changed?

1. Have you ever done something wrong? Describe a time when you did something wrong: _____

a. The Bible calls this **SIN**. This is when we disobey God's rules for our lives.

b. Read the following Bible verses that tell us about sin: 1 John 3:4 (page 1357); James 4:17 (page 1344); Romans 14:23 (page 1246)

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I. Do you know where butterflies come from? *Continued*

B. Why do we need to be changed?

2. Let's look at what the Bible has to say about sin. Look up the following verses in your Bible and answer the following questions:

a. Romans 3:23 (page 1233) — How many people sin? _____

b. Romans 6:23 (page 1236) — What is the result of sin? _____

What does this mean? Have you ever been lost or separated from your parents? Isn't that a terrible feeling? That is what the Bible means when it talks about "death." It is not only living our lives today separated from a loving God, but also one day when we physically die it means being forever without God.

II. What can I do about my sin? (The things I have done wrong)

A. First, you are not alone. All men, women and every boy and girl has the same problem with sin. Read Romans 3:9-12 (page 1232)

B. The **GOOD NEWS** is that this is why Jesus was born: to take away our sins (**Be our Savior**) and help us change, like the butterfly!

C. Read the following Bible verses and write down how Jesus has come to help us with our sin problem:

1. John 1:29 (page 1149) — Why did Jesus Come?

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II. What can I do about my sin? *Continued*

C. Read the following Bible verses and write down how Jesus has come to help us with our sin problem:

2. Romans 5:8 (page 1235) — What did Jesus do for us? _____

Remember we read earlier that the penalty of sin was “death,” being separated from God. Someone who had never sinned, who was stronger than us, had to take our punishment so that we could be forgiven and become God's children and one day live forever with him in heaven. This is what Jesus did for us when he was crucified and died on the cross.

3. Luke 24:1-7 (page 1145) — What happened to Jesus on the third day after he was crucified on the cross? _____

D. We see in the verse above that Jesus was greater than sin and death! This is **GOOD NEWS**, isn't it! Read the following Bible verses and write down the benefits of what Jesus has done for us:

1. 1 John 1:9 (page 1355) — We can be _____ of our sins.
2. John 3:16 (page 1151) — We can have _____ life!
3. Galatians 3:26 (page 1281) — We can now be the _____ of God!

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III. What do I need to do to make Jesus my personal Savior and Lord?

A. The Bible tells us that Jesus has done everything we need to be **“Born Again,”** changed like the butterfly! Read Ephesians 2:8-9 (page 1286)

B. However, we must each receive His **Free Gift!** Read John 1:12 (page 1148).

A gift is something you don't earn or deserve. However, a gift must be received and opened to become your gift!

C. How do we receive Jesus' gift of salvation?

1. First, we need to **REPENT** of our sins (that is we need to tell God we are truly sorry for what we have done wrong). Read 1 John 1:9 (page 1355).

2. Second, we need to **BELIEVE** that Jesus died for our sins, and rose again on the third day, and that He is alive. Read Romans 10:9 (page 1241).

3. Third, we need to **INVITE** Jesus into our hearts to be our **personal Savior**. Read Revelation 3:20 (page 1369).

The **door** Jesus is talking about is the door to our heart. We must each personally invite Jesus into our hearts to know Him as our Savior from sin and the Lord of our lives. He will then forgive us, make us His child and one day we will live in heaven forever with Him.

4. We need to **CONFESS (tell others)** that Jesus is our Savior and Lord. Read Romans 10:10 (page 1241).

Making Jesus My Personal Lord & Savior

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3 (KBC Study Bible, page 1151)

IV. Would you like to make Jesus your personal Savior and Lord? If your answer is yes, here is a simple prayer that you can say to God, and you too can be changed like the butterfly.

A. "Dear God, I am really sorry for all my sins, and want to become Your child. I believe that Jesus died on the cross so that I could be forgiven and be changed like the butterfly ("born again"). I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today. You promised that everyone who believes in you can live forever with Jesus. Jesus please come to live in my heart and be my very own Savior and Lord. Thank you for forgiving me and making me a child of God. I will follow You as the Lord of my life. **I ask this in Jesus name, Amen.**

B. God's word promises us that God has heard our prayer, and that we have been "**Born Again**" and received the gift of **Eternal Life!** The scriptures below show us three ways God makes this special promise.

1. What **God Did.** Read John 3:16 (page 1151); John 1:12 (page 1148).

2. What **God Said.** Read 1 John 5:10-13 (page 1359).

3. Where **God Lives.** (In our hearts):

Read Romans 8:16 (page 1238); Ephesians 1:13 (page 1286).

Celebrating My New Life In Baptism!

I. Baptism is the celebration of becoming a Christian (Inviting Jesus into your heart)

A. Why do we need a celebration?

1. Celebrations mark very special times in our lives. Each year, you celebrate a very special time in your life — **your birthday!** This is a special time when you gather with family and friends to remember the day you were born as a baby. It is usually celebrated with a wonderful birthday cake and presents.
2. Baptism is the Christian celebration of your **spiritual birthday**, the day you asked Jesus to come into your heart and be your personal Savior and Lord. Unlike your regular birthday, it is not done each year, but on **one special day**. But just like your birthday it is a day when we invite family and friends to celebrate with us and remember the wonderful day we were “**Born Again,**” changed like the butterfly.

B. What happens when I get baptized?

1. Do I need to go under the water?

- a. The word used in the Bible for baptism means to go totally under the water, to submerge (like a submarine). This is how John the Baptist and the disciples of Jesus baptized people.
Read Mark 1:4-5 (page 1070); Acts 8:35-37 (page 1196).
- b. You don't have to worry about going under the water, your pastor will help you, and you can hold your nose and close your eyes. I am sure you have done that in the pool, right?

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B. What happens when I get baptized? *Continued*

2. Why do we go under the water when we are baptized?

- a. To **FOLLOW** the example of _____.
Read Matthew 3:13-17 (pages 1027-1028).
- b. To **OBEY** the command of _____.
Read Matthew 28:19 (page 1069); Acts 2:38 (page 1187).
- c. To **SHOW OTHERS** that _____ is Lord of my life.
Read Acts 2:41 (page 1187); Matthew 10:32-33 (page 1039).
- d. To **CELEBRATE** what _____ has done for me.
Read Romans 6:1-4 (page 1235).

Going under the water is a celebration of the **new life** we now have with Jesus. It shows that we have been fully forgiven (cleansed, like a bath) and changed like the butterfly.

II. What do I need to do in order to be baptized?

- A. Ask _____ into your heart as your personal Savior and Lord.
Read John 1:12 (page 1148); Revelation 3:20 (page 1369).
- B. Complete this study guide with your parents or church leaders.
- C. Ask your parents to go to your pastor with you to talk about this important step in your **new Christian life**.
- D. Participate in an upcoming baptism service, and invite your family and friends to join you for this **special celebration**.

How To Be Close To Jesus Each Day!

I. How does Jesus stay close to us each day?

A. The Bible says that Jesus lives in our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

1. We cannot see the Holy Spirit, just like we cannot see the wind. But just like we know the wind is present, we can know the Holy Spirit is in our hearts. This is how Jesus stays close to us each day.

2. Read the following scriptures and write down some of the wonderful things that Jesus said the Holy Spirit would come to do for us:

a. The Holy Spirit will be our _____.
Read John 14:16-18 (page 1171).

b. The Holy Spirit will help us understand God's _____.
Read John 16:12-14 (page 1174).

c. The Holy Spirit will give us _____ to tell other people about Jesus. Read Acts 1:8 (page 1183).

d. The Holy Spirit helps us to _____ to God.
Read Romans 8:26 (page 1239).

e. The Holy Spirit helps us to **obey God** and to become more like **Jesus!**
Read 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (page 1269); Galatians 5:22-25 (page 1283).

B. The Holy Spirit is God's wonderful gift to those who ask Jesus into their hearts to become their personal Savior and Lord. Read John 7:37-39 (page 1160); Romans 8:14-16 (page 1238).

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II. How do I stay close to Jesus each day?

A. By reading the Bible — God's special letter to us.

1. **How do you stay close to your family and friends?** Sure, by spending time with them and getting to know them. God has given us a special letter called the Bible so that we can get to know Him better. The Holy Spirit will help us learn and understand the Bible when we read it and we will get to know all about Jesus and the wonderful things that God wants to do in our lives.
2. Read these scriptures and write down the reason it is important to read the Bible each day. Read Psalm 1:1-3 (page 558).
 - a. The Bible makes us _____. Read Joshua 1:8 (page 225).
 - b. The Bible is a _____ for our feet (knowing what is right and wrong, and how to follow Jesus). Read Psalm 119:105 (page 646); Psalm 119:11 (page 643).
 - c. The Bible helps us grow in our _____ (learning how to trust Jesus for everything we need in our lives). Read Romans 10:17 (page 1242).
 - d. The Bible helps us to learn more about God and to do every _____
_____. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (page 1320).

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B. By talking to God daily in prayer 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (page 1307)

1. Prayer is simply talking to God and telling him the things that are in our hearts. **We can talk to God about anything!** He loves us and has promised to hear our prayers. We have a loving God who cares about every concern and need that we have.
2. Read the following scriptures and write down some of the wonderful things God has promised to his children when they pray:
 - a. He promises to _____ all those who call upon (pray to) the Lord (change like the butterfly). Read Romans 10:13 (page 1241).
 - b. He promises to give us our daily _____ (the things we need to live daily). Read Matthew 6:11 (page 1032); Matthew 7:7-11 (page 1033).
 - c. He promises to help us when we have times that we are worried or scared, and He will give us His _____. Read Philippians 4:6-8 (page 1297).
 - d. He promises to help us when we are sick and _____ us. Read James 5:13-16 (pages 1344-1345).
 - e. He promises to help us when we are confused and don't know what to do by giving us _____.
Read James 1:5 (page 1340).
3. Prayer is also a wonderful way just to say **"Thank You!"** to the Lord and tell Him you love Him (worship).

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C. By getting involved in my church

1. The church is when God's family (those who have been changed like the butterfly) gather together to worship God, pray, study the Bible and help each other to become more like Jesus.
2. **Have you ever seen your dad cook on a barbecue?** If he uses charcoal, he first piles all the individual coals close together in a pile like a mountain. The charcoals stay burning bright and hot when they stay together, but if you take one out and put it all by itself it soon cools off and becomes once again a cold lump of coal.

We need to gather together with other Christians to stay excited about our new life in Jesus Christ. If you ever played tug of war, you know that the winning team is the one with the most and the strongest people pulling on the rope. This is true also in our Christian lives.

3. How can I get involved in my church?

- a. **GO** to church each week with your family. Read Hebrews 10:24-25 (page 1334).
- b. **PRAY** for your church family regularly. Read Acts 2:42 (page 1187).
- c. **GIVE** an offering each week to support the activities and ministries (ways we help people) of the church. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (page 1265).
- d. **HELP** your church family in practical ways using the special abilities that God has given you. Read 1 Peter 4:10-11 (page 1350).

We Welcome You Into God's Family!

Glue your picture here.

Date

Print Child's Name

Has successfully completed the booklet
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