



# First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville

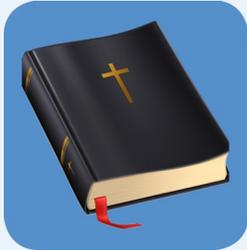
## Faith Step #2 Baptism

*We are a companionship of faith on a spiritual adventure following Jesus Christ.*



### Faith Step Marker

At your child's baptism, a child of our church will present your family with *The Beginner's Bible*. This book contains many of the important stories of our faith in language your child can understand at an early age. Don't wait to begin reading these stories to your child! Just hearing the rhythm of your voice as you read will be comforting to your child, and you may be surprised to hear your two-year-old retelling the stories to their dolls or trucks when they think nobody is listening.



### Bible Verse (NRSV)

We love because God first loved us. *1 John 4:19*



### We Believe – *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Q1–Who are you?

I am a child of God.

Q2–What does it mean to be a child of God?

That I belong to God, who loves me.

Q42–What is baptism?

Through baptism I am adopted and welcomed into God's family. In the waters of baptism, I share in the dying and rising of Jesus, who washes away my sins. I am made one with him, and with all who are joined to him in the church.



### Caring Conversations

*for Adults:*

- Share what you remember about your own baptism.
- What does it mean to promise to raise your child in the Christian faith?
- How do you plan to keep this promise?



### Music

- *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* (Presbyterian Hymnal #498)
- *This Little Light of Mine*
- (CD) *Wee Sing Bible Songs* by Pamela Conn Beal and Susan Hagen Nipp



## Faith-filled Actions

- Recall your child's baptism. When you bathe your baby, pour some water over your child's head. Describe aloud something about your child's baptism day.
- As a bedtime blessing, make the sign of the cross on your child's forehead saying, "Remember, (*name*), you are a child of God."



## Prayer

Gracious God, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround our child with your love, protect him/her from evil. Fill him/her with the Holy Spirit and receive him/her into the family of your church that we may walk together in the way of Christ, and grow in the knowledge of your love. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



## Books (available in church library)

for Children

- *The Beginners Bible* by Zonderkids
- *At Your Baptism* by Carrie Steenwyk and John D. Witvliet
- *In God's Name* by Sandy Sasso
- *Welcome, Child of God* by Anne Ylvisaker

for Parents

- *Making a Home for Faith—Nurturing the Spiritual Life of your Children* by Elizabeth Caldwell



## On the Web

- [www.thebeginnersbible.com](http://www.thebeginnersbible.com)
- The Beginner's Bible (iPad app available)
- The ABC's of God (iPad/iPhone app available)



## Who to Contact

- Our **Director of Children's Ministries** is Jan Schuett at [jschuett@boxp.net](mailto:jschuett@boxp.net).
- To schedule the baptism of your child contact the church office at 847-362-2174.
- **CLUB M.O.M** (Meeting Other Mothers) is a parenting group that welcomes mothers of young children. Regular meetings are set for 10:00–11:30 am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month September through April.