

4 WHO CAN JOIN a CHURCH?



"But some people did accept him [Jesus]. They believed in him. To them he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12



"Then those people who accepted what Peter said were baptized. About 3,000 people were added to the number of believers that day." Acts 2:41

NUMBER THE EVENTS LISTED IN THE SECOND VERSE IN THE ORDER THAT THEY HAPPENED. Put a number 1 by the first, a 2 by the second and a 3 by the third.



SOME BELIEVED IN JESUS AFTER HEARING PETER SPEAK.



THESE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED IN JESUS WERE BAPTIZED.



THEY BECAME PART OF THE CHURCH.

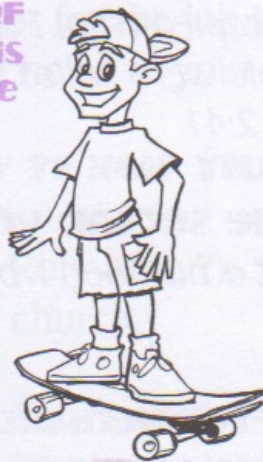
Just as you must do certain things to join a team or group, there is one thing you must do before you join your church. You must be a member of God's family. The followers of Jesus in the Bible counted people as members of the church only after they became a part of God's family by accepting Jesus as their Savior.



MUST I BE A CERTAIN AGE BEFORE I CAN BE A PART OF THE CHURCH?

Your age is not important. You must be a part of God's family before you can be a part of the church.

A 10-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO IS PART OF GOD'S FAMILY IS A PART OF THE CHURCH.



A GIRL IN THE 12TH GRADE IN HIGH SCHOOL WHO IS NOT PART OF GOD'S FAMILY IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH.



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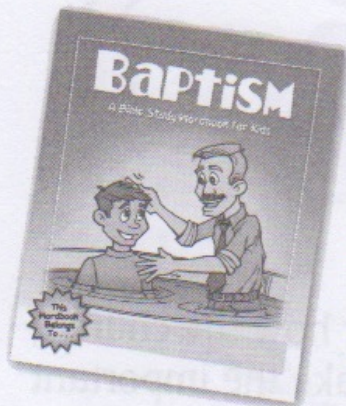
ARE YOU PART OF GOD'S FAMILY?

IF YES, WHEN DID YOU DO THIS?

IF NO, ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY NOW?

You can decide right now to join God's family by praying like this:

**DEAR JESUS,
THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME ENOUGH TO
DIE ON THE CROSS TO PAY FOR MY SIN. I
KNOW I DO WRONG THINGS. PLEASE
FORGIVE ME FOR ALL THE WRONG
THINGS THAT I'VE DONE. I
WANT YOU TO COME INTO MY
LIFE. HELP ME TO CHOOSE
TO DO WHAT YOU WANT ME
TO DO. THANK YOU FOR
MAKING ME YOUR CHILD AND
A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY.
AMEN.**



Baptism is a special way people show that Jesus is in their life and they are part of God's family. One way to learn more about baptism is to get the workbook called *Baptism* in this series. See the back cover for ordering information.