

I desire to be baptized!

Do you desire to be baptized?

I do!

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I do!

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I do!



Jesus sets the example of Baptism in Luke 3:21-22. When we get baptized, God proclaims that we are his children. We become connected to Jesus, his death and resurrection. We receive the washing presence of the Holy Spirit.
Reflect: Read Luke 3:21-22 aloud. What happened at Jesus' baptism?

God has enemies (spiritual forces of wickedness) and God's enemy, the devil, wants to destroy all the good things God has made. That includes us! We are not enemies of God, we are his friends, followers, and servants. He is our friend, leader, and Lord.
Say Together: We say "No!" to God's enemies.
Reflect Together: What are some good things the devil wants to destroy?

The world makes promises that it can't keep. Those "promises" trick us into thinking there is life without God and draw us away from God's love. God keeps all the promises he makes and gives us good gifts.
Say Together: We say "No!" to empty promises.
Reflect: How does the picture of an empty gift make you feel?

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

I do!



Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess Him as your Lord and Savior?

I do!



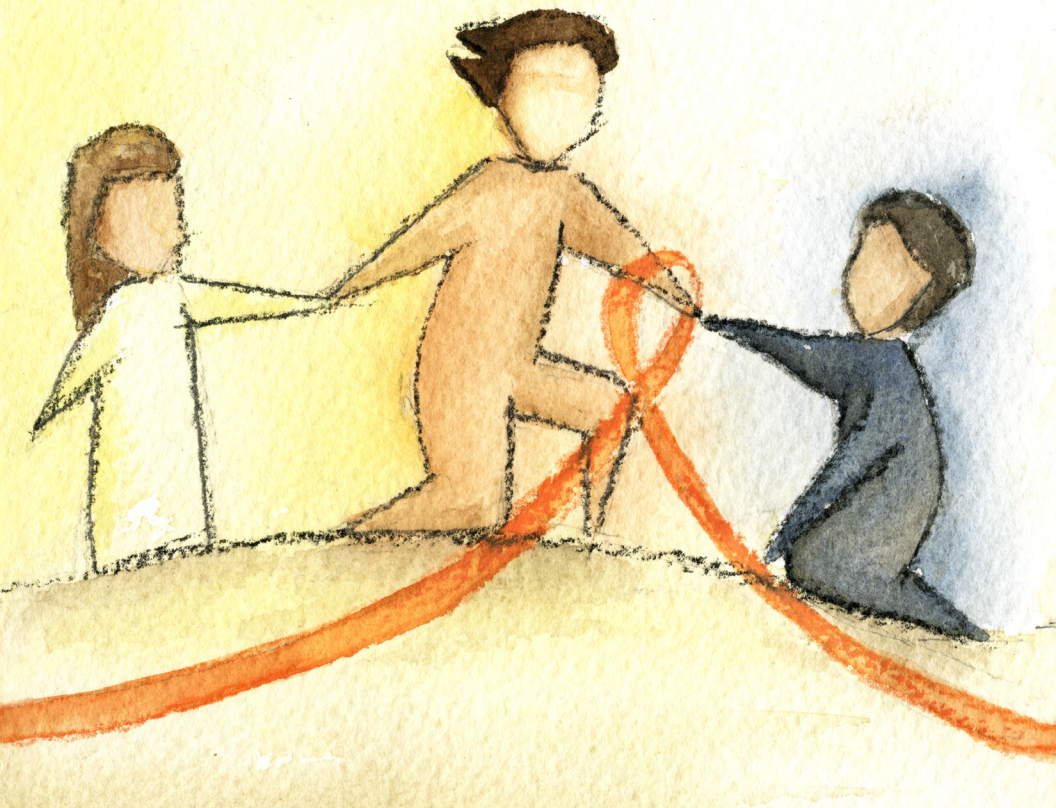
Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do!



Do you intend to obediently keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in them all the days of your life?

I do!



We do not always love God and love others. Not loving God and others causes pain, sadness, and is not what God wants for us. God desires us to live in His love.
Say Together: We say "No!" to sin and the things that cause us to hurt God, ourselves, and others.
Reflect: What is something that hurts God's heart?

God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to be our Lord, defeating evil and death on the cross. We turn away from evil and follow Jesus as Lord, because he has saved us from evil and death.
Say Together: We say "Yes!" to Jesus as Lord of our lives.
Reflect: What is Jesus doing in this image here?

The Old and New Testament are in the Bible. The Bible is one big story, the story of who God is and how he is saving and bringing peace to all of creation. The stories in the Bible show us the truth.
Say Together: We say "Yes!" to the truths of the Bible.
Reflect: What is a Bible story you know? What is one of your favorite Bible stories?

God has shown us in the Bible how to follow Him. This is a wonderful gift. Following God is how we become more fully who He created us to be. Through the Holy Spirit we can follow God by loving Him and loving others.
Say Together: We say "Yes!" to the holy love of God.
Reflect: What are ways that we love God or love other people?