

# \* RADIANT CHURCH

## PARENT COMMUNION GUIDE



### WHAT IS COMMUNION?

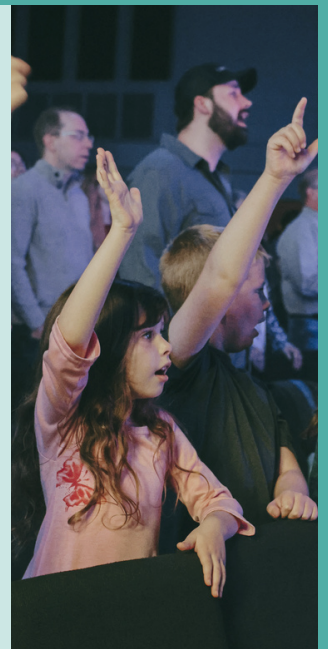
COMMUNION, OR THE LORD'S SUPPER, IS A WAY FOR US TO REMEMBER WHAT JESUS DID FOR US WHEN HE DIED ON THE CROSS. THIS IS A SPECIAL EVENT THAT WE PARTICIPATE IN TOGETHER JUST LIKE JESUS DID WITH THE DISCIPLES THE NIGHT BEFORE HE DIED.

### HOW DO I TEACH MY CHILD ABOUT COMMUNION?

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 11 AND TALK ABOUT PAUL'S WORDS THAT TELL US THAT EATING THE BREAD AND DRINKING THE CUP PROCLAIMS THE LORD'S DEATH UNTIL HE COMES AGAIN.

EXPLAIN THAT THE BREAD REMINDS US OF JESUS' BODY, AND THE CUP REMINDS US OF HIS BLOOD. JESUS GAVE HIS BODY AND HIS BLOOD AWAY WHEN HE DIED FOR OUR SINS. HE DID THIS TO TAKE THE PUNISHMENT WE ALL DESERVE SO THAT WE WON'T HAVE TO BE PUNISHED WHEN WE DIE, BUT WILL GO TO HEAVEN WITH HIM.

WE RECOMMEND THAT A CHILD CAN EXPLAIN THIS TO A PARENT IN THEIR OWN WORDS BEFORE THEY TAKE COMMUNION.



### IS MY CHILD READY?

**TAKING COMMUNION WITH YOUR CHILD(REN) IS A DECISION FOR YOU AS A PARENT. PRAY ABOUT THIS STEP AND USE DISCERNMENT, TRUSTING GOD'S GUIDANCE TO HELP YOU IN MAKING THIS DECISION.**

#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- HAS YOUR CHILD ACCEPTED JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR?
- CAN YOUR CHILD EXPLAIN WHAT JESUS DID ON THE CROSS AND WHY?
- DOES YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND THE SYMBOLISM OF THE "BREAD" AND "CUP?" WE ARE NOT LITERALLY EATING THE BODY AND DRINKING THE BLOOD OF JESUS.
- DO THEY UNDERSTAND AND CAN THEY SHARE WHY WE PRACTICE COMMUNION?

**WE ARE HERE TO WALK WITH YOU IN MAKING THIS DECISION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL PASTOR SARAH AT [SARAH@RADIANTBC.COM](mailto:sarah@radiantbc.com).**