

## Chloe Isenberger's Testimony!

When Chloe was a tiny baby we dedicated her to the Lord, which really was a powerful thing for us as Chloe's parents. We truly believed in all the things we agreed to do for her. We have been so blessed to be at a church like Kingsland that encourages us to be the primary faith trainers for our children. We began to pray for her to receive salvation, and from the time Chloe was old enough to listen to stories, we've been reading her Bible stories and doing morning devotions with her. We've tried to do family night devotions, and although we aren't very consistent, the times when we have done them have been very meaningful. Chloe loves them and always asks to do them. Holidays have been great teaching opportunities for her as we try to always teach the true meaning, while also enjoying the secular fun that comes with every holiday. Chloe has always been interested in spiritual things and has always asked a lot of questions about God. We've always tried to be honest with her and give her solid answers, no matter how complicated they may have seemed for a young child to understand.

We recently celebrated Easter where Chloe seemed to grasp the meaning in a way that she hadn't before. She understood her sin and that Jesus died for it. Her devotions also began to speak of the Holy Spirit, but the fact that she didn't have the Holy Spirit made it a little complicated. I would tell her that one day, when she accepts Jesus into her heart, she'll also receive the Holy Spirit. Chloe began to understand that she needed to actually pray to receive Jesus, and she began to insist that she wanted to do that. We weren't sure at first because she was so young, and we decided to pray for guidance. We felt that if God really was calling her, then she would persist. And, sure enough, 2 nights later, she insisted that she pray, "Right Now!" So, after asking her many questions to make sure she knew what she was doing, she prayed with us.

Two days after she prayed, God gave her a gift as a symbol of her new life. Chloe had a butterfly weed that we had planted, and she would check on it everyday. One day all the caterpillars disappeared and we couldn't find their chrysalis. But, Chloe found them! God had put one right on the kitchen window for her to look at everyday. We talked about how it was such a gift from God to remind her of her new life.

The day Chloe was baptized was such a joyous day. Alex actually preached on joy! It was such a blessing to watch my child be baptized. I had prayed for 5 years, and now my prayers for her were answered. I was nervous for her, and I thought that she might back out or get scared. Not at all! Chloe was so excited that she practically jumped into the water. We thought it was important for her to really celebrate this occasion. Chloe was only turning 5, and we wanted her to remember it. We invited all of our family and a few friends that are important in her life. We invited some that hadn't ever received Christ or that have children that have not. We do not know what impact the occasion had on them yet, but we hope that it made them think about their own lives and families. We had a lunch and cake to celebrate, but we also did something else that we believe was important. My husband gave her a blessing, and Chloe and I gave her testimony. It struck us that this story was always going to be part of her life. It would be added to as she grew, but this was her testimony forever. It was something that no one can argue

with. It's her story. Since she was so young, I basically told the story, but she stood with me in agreement. We hope that this will help cement her testimony in her mind.

We appreciate all that Kingsland has done to help encourage us as her parents. We are still praying for her and teaching her, but I have so much peace knowing that God is with her and that she will enter school next year and go the rest of her life with the Holy Spirit giving her guidance, wisdom, and discernment.