

BIG



LIVE IT OUT AT HOME

LESSON
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Each week, your family can read God's Word, discover more about the lesson and share in an activity together.

BIG POINT: BAPTISM IS DECLARING NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST

Bible Reading

1 Peter 3:21 (CEV), "Those flood waters were like baptism that now saves you. But baptism is more than just washing your body. It means turning to God with a clear conscience, because Jesus Christ was raised from death."

Family Devotional

When a person is baptised they are immersed and lifted up out of the water. It represents leaving their old life behind and being raised to new life with Christ.

The word "baptism" means "to dip, immerse, plunge or submerge into a substance". Water baptism is a statement of faith: "My old life is behind me, I am a new person with a new life because Jesus died on the cross and rose again". It shows people that you believe and have faith in Jesus. Being baptised is a bit different to being dedicated or christened as a baby, being baptised is a decision that you make for yourself when you're ready.

When someone is baptised, they're declaring to the world that they follow Jesus. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward change that has taken place in your life through faith in Jesus. The first Christians were baptised, signifying their turning from their sins and their new lives with Christ. Now, thousands of years later, we celebrate the same milestone on our spiritual journey.

Activity: Washed Away

Supplies needed:

- Chalk
- Outside pavement
- Bucket of water or a hose

Use chalk on a concrete or paved area at home or on the sidewalk to draw pictures, it can be as simple or as detailed as you like, but pre-empt children that this is going to disappear very soon. Once finished use a hose or bucket of water to splash over the drawing. See how the chalk is washed away in the water.

Pray Together

Dear God,

Thank You for Your Son Jesus who gave us a new life free from sin. Help us Lord to follow Jesus' example and to show others your love.

In Jesus' name, Amen.