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Baptize-a-size!

Memory Verse: ". . . Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."
Matthew 3:2

Lesson Overview: This is a lesson designed to teach children two basic elements about baptism. These elements are: 1) All about the ceremony of baptism and its meaning; and 2) The life-long commitment associated with the declaration of baptism. Children often know of baptism, but most that have not undertaken this step in their walk with God do not understand what it is all about. Baptism is often confused as a vehicle of salvation, rather than for what it truly is--a declaration of one's service and commitment to God in the name of Jesus Christ. By the completion of this lesson, students should understand the significance of "putting off the old man" and taking on the true nature of Christ.

Requirements for the lesson:

Any beach or swimming items: A rubber ducky inner-tube, a snorkel, a pair of flippers, a silly hat, a life jacket, a silly bathing suit, a beach ball, or any other swim gear that you may have. (The more the better)

Object Lessons and Lead-in to the Lesson:

"This is Baptism!?!" This is an object demonstration of what Baptism is **not!** Have someone interrupt the room with conversation about wanting to become baptized. Have this person wearing all kinds of silly-looking swimming gear. The concept is to have this person demonstrate a less than serious attitude about baptism, while spouting off lots of doctrinal errors about baptism. Some things could be:

- Getting saved by baptism
- After baptism, you don't have to try to be good any more because you're protected
- The water takes away your sins, etc.

Have yourself, or another, help this simple-acting person get his or her doctrine strait. All should end on a happy note, with our misguided individual going to a baptism with a better understanding and a better heart.

The Lesson:

DO THE OBJECT LESSON: *“This is Baptism!?!”*

1. Experiencing Baptism

Question: Have you ever seen anyone get baptized?

Let the children respond, perhaps ask what they thought was happening

a. Any Testimonies?

Let those who have been baptized testify. Perhaps they all have had a variety of different experiences.

Baptisms can be done in many different ways. Some are done in a church building in a baptismal. Others are done in swimming pools, or in lakes or rivers, such as when Jesus lived on the earth. In the western United States, it is not uncommon to be baptized in a cow trough!

b. Types of Baptism

Question: What other kind of baptism is there? The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps some of the children have already received this baptism. If so, *briefly* explore this. The focus of this lesson is on water baptism.

2. About Water Baptism

Question: What is Baptism, and what is it for? Allow the children to respond.

Basically, water baptism is an outward sign to an inward experience. In other words, a boy or girl can show Jesus how much he or she wants to serve Him and live for Him by becoming water baptized.

a. Demonstration Example

Have one of the children in the class volunteer to do a “dry run” baptism with you. Here we will see the symbols about water baptism that helps to see the importance of the event.

EXAMPLE: Use Christ’s LIFE, DEATH, RESURRECTION, ASCENSION, and REIGN as the example.

Take a willing child (a small one if you’re not too big!) and begin to demonstrate. It’s best if you put one hand behind the child’s back. Have the child put both of their hands together up by his or her face and put your other hand over theirs. This is how most will baptize.

(1) STANDING, Prepared To Go Into The Water

Have the volunteer stand, ready for the big dunk.

This symbolizes Christ’s life: Explain to the class that as they stand there in the water, they are showing God that they want to always do God’s will in their live—just like Jesus did.

<p>(2) DOWN, Into The Water</p>	<p>Holding on to the student, take them back as if going under the water.</p> <p>This symbolizes Christ's death: Explain that going down into the water (Dying to self/flesh *) is like showing Jesus we want to get rid of our old person (who we used to be), so we can become a new person—changed by Jesus.</p> <p>Keep the student down there while you explain. It gives a sense that they have been under the water too long! You can even play around with this a bit. You can explain that since this is not a great place to be, we'd better get them up out of the water!</p>
<p>(3) UP, Out Of The Water</p>	<p>Bring the volunteer back to their feet.</p> <p>This symbolizes Christ's resurrection: Coming up out of the water is like becoming a new person (a new creature). We don't want to be like the old sinful person we used to be, but rather a new, clean person that Jesus is making us into—if we let Him.</p>
<p>(4) STEPPING OUT Of The Water</p>	<p>Lead them by the hand from the place that you performed the dry run.</p> <p>This symbolizes Christ's ascension: Stepping out of the water is like leaving your old life behind. When people die, their old body gets buried, but for those who live for Jesus, our spirit goes on to be with Him.</p>
<p>(5) STANDING Again</p>	<p>This symbolizes our new reign with Jesus: Through Jesus' death & resurrection, we are now confessing the faith to reign in Him. He promised that those who have faith and believe will reign with Him in heaven!</p>
<p>b. Baptism Is Also To:</p>	
<p>(1) Announce Our Salvation and Dedication</p>	<p>It is a time to let everyone know that you are saved (That YOU believe in Jesus) It shows everyone that you have faith to believe and to serve. Baptism shows God and everyone else that we mean business. We should not become baptized if we are not 100% positive that we want to serve God—for real.</p>
<p>(2) Demonstrate Repentance</p>	<p>We can show everyone that we have repented from everything wicked and not of God—we will serve him only.</p>
<p>(3) Help Prepare The Way To The Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Baptism also shows God that we WANT His Holy Spirit. Just like the Holy Spirit came to Jesus when He was baptized, so will God's Holy Spirit come to you—if you are willing.</p>
<p>c. Who Baptized First</p>	<p>Question: Who first baptized before Jesus came?</p> <p>(John the Baptist)</p>

<p>d. Why Baptism</p> <p>(1) It Is A Command</p> <p>(2) Forgiveness</p> <p>(3) Showing Our Spiritual Growth</p>	<p>Question: Why should baptism be important to YOU?</p> <p>Jesus said to do it. Look at Matthew 3:15.</p> <p>It is a way to ask forgiveness for sins. We are 100% saved from our sins when we ask Jesus into our hearts. However, baptism is a way of showing our appreciation for our forgiveness.</p> <p>A way we can show that we're growing up in Christ. That means that after we are baptized, everyone should expect to see a difference in you—a new creature.</p>
<p>3. Baptism Requirements?</p>	<p>Question: Must you get baptized in order to be saved? NOOOO!</p> <p>However, you must be saved in order to become baptized. Some people do both at the same time.</p>
<p>4. When should you get baptized?</p> <p>a. When YOU Are Ready</p> <p>b. When Jesus Becomes Your Lord</p>	<p>You should get baptized only when you are absolutely ready--not when someone else wants you to do it. If you friend is getting baptized, then you should not get baptized too just because of you're friend. You do it because YOU want to do it.</p> <p>When you understand the difference between Jesus as Savior and Lord. Jesus becomes our savior when we get saved. He becomes our Lord when we want to serve Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.</p>
<p>5. Ministry Time</p> <p>a. Are You Ready!</p> <p>b. Invite The Others</p> <p>c. Pray</p>	<p>Reinforce the idea that children can have everything in Jesus that any adult has. Children are a very important part of God's plan. He wants to work miracles through them every day! All they have to do is be willing to let him.</p> <p>Ask the children who have not yet been baptized, and whom are saved, if this sounds like something that they are ready to do. If there are some who are willing, then ask them to bring their parents to come and get with you after church for some discussion.</p> <p>Encourage all of the children to come and support their fellow Christians as they receive baptism. It is a fun experience!</p> <p>Pray for those who want to be baptized, along with any other prayer needs.</p>

Baptism Course

This is a helps sheet to aid in one-on-one discussions with baptism candidates. It's helps to make sure that each candidate is actually ready, along with giving them an opportunity to ask last minute questions.

Place and Time _____.
(If held at a different church or place than the candidate's fellowship)

Bring: Wear cloths for the baptism (What type of clothing)

A Towel

Cloths to change into afterward

Discussion about Salvation

Discussion about baptism's meaning

Speech presentation (If applicable)

Baptism: Performance

Who will perform the baptism

Teach or correct doctrine, as necessary

Do the candidates understand the commitment?

Conformation of commitment

Questions?

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