

# SPECIAL EDITION

## *Pastoring Your Kids*

Week 9:

### WATER BAPTISM



#### PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

# 1

Sunday

**CHURCH TIME**

# 2

Monday or Tuesday

**BIBLE TIME**

# 3

Thursday or Friday

**FAMILY TIME**

#### **Memory Verse:**

Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (NIV)

#### **Bottom Line:**

Water baptism identifies us with Christ.

## **I. CHURCH TIME**

*Water baptism identifies us with Christ. When you go down under the water, it identifies you with His death, and when you come up, it identifies you with His resurrection.*

## 2. BIBLE TIME

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### READ:

- Matthew 3
- Mark 1:1-11
- Luke 3:1-22

### MAIN POINT:

*The word “baptize” means to immerse. Water baptism is when you get completely immersed in water (under the water). When you go down under the water, it identifies you with Christ’s death. When you come out of the water, it identifies you with the resurrection. You don’t have to be a certain age to get water baptized. Water baptism will not wash away your sins. Only the blood of Jesus can wash away your sins. You get baptized in water after you become a Christian. While salvation can be a private thing between you and God, water baptism is a public thing. It is an outward sign of an inward work. When you get baptized in water you are telling the world that you are a Christian.*

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Who was John the Baptist? (son of Zechariah, cousin of Jesus, preacher who baptized people in the river Jordan)
2. What did John the Baptist preach? (repentance and baptism)
3. Who did John the Baptist baptize? (Jesus and others)

## 3. FAMILY TIME

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### MAIN POINT:

The new birth - salvation is for everyone.

### READ:

READ: Colossians 2:12

Right before bath time or bedtime, read this scripture and go over these questions discussing water baptism and what it means.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What is water baptism? (an outward sign of an inward work)
2. When you go down under the water, what does that mean? (you identify with Christ’s death)
3. When you come up out of the water, what does that mean? (you identify with Jesus raising from the dead)
4. Will water baptism help you go to Heaven? (no, water baptism does not wash away your sin)