



What Is Baptism?

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader Tip: Start the lesson wearing a swim mask, wearing some fins and water wings. Tell the kids that you're getting baptized today. Say, "I'm all ready to go! I'm supposed to wear what I wear swimming, right?" Let the kids or another leader tell you that baptism isn't about going swimming. Baptism is a symbol for something really important. Then, say "Oh, okay! I think I better listen to this lesson to make sure I know what baptism is all about before I do it."

Before we jump into our lesson this week, I have some questions for you! Have you ever seen someone get baptized? (allow kids to answer). What happens when someone gets baptized? (allow kids to answer). Right! They say some things, answer some questions, and then they get dunked under the water and everyone gets excited and cheers!

Well, in today's lesson we are going to learn what baptism really means. It's not just some weird thing Christians do and it has nothing to do with swimming!

But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.

Song

Song #1

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: Baptism is a symbol on the outside for something that happened on the inside.

(Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What are we dunked in when we're baptized? (water)
- What's one of the first commandments Jesus gives to new Christians? (to be baptized)
- True or False: Baptism is just something Christians do for fun. (F)

That's definitely not true. Baptism isn't just some weird thing Christians do- it's something really important! It's something that Jesus tells every Christians to do once they've put their trust in him. Did you know that even Jesus got baptized? That's how important it is! Baptism is an important symbol that represents something that happened in our hearts. And, getting baptized is our way to announce to the world that we are following Jesus.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"For we died and were buried (pretend to sleep) with Christ by baptism (point up). And just as Christ (point up) was raised from the dead (raise hands up) by the glorious power of the Father (point up), now we also may live new lives. (hands over heart)" Romans 6:4 (Repeat)

This verse might be kind of confusing, but it's explaining what baptism means. When we put our trust in Jesus, we're saying we're sorry for all the bad stuff we've done and understand that Jesus forgives us and removes those sins from our lives. Going under the water symbolizes the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus' death on the cross. The verse goes on to say that Jesus rose from the dead so that we could have new life in him. He helps us to honor him with our lives. This is symbolized by coming out of the water- just like Jesus rose from the dead on Easter, we are raised to live a new life in Jesus!

That's what baptism symbolizes. It shows people the commitment that we've made to Jesus and that we are now free from our sin!

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Song #2

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Baptism is a symbol on the outside for something that happened on the inside. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.