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KIDS CLUB

6-WEEK WATER SERIES



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LESSON TWO


BAPTISM: NEW HAS COME

LESSON IMAGES

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LESSON SUPPLIES

1. **Clear tote filled with water.**
 - This will be used to baptize the small toy as a demonstration.
 2. **A small toy.**
 3. **A towel to wipe up any water spills.**
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LESSON INTRO

SHOW CLEAR TOTE OF WATER

ASK: Who knows what's inside this tote here?

SAY: That's right! It's water.

ASK: What are some things we enjoy that involve or use water?

SAY: Yes, things like swimming, water slides, and drinking.

SAY: As we discovered last week, even though we have clean water for those activities, it's important to remember that 4.2 billion people in the world DO NOT have access to safe water.

Due to unclean water, 6,000 children lose their lives daily due to sickness and diseases.

We are so blessed to have clean water for drinking to nourish our bodies, bathing to cleanse our bodies, and even playing in, like swimming and sprinklers. Now, we have been given the amazing opportunity to serve God and His people in need by raising funds to supply a well or filtration system.

We will discuss more about that later.



BAPTISM

SAY: You know, I can think of something else that involves water. This particular activity is done by believers in Christ.

Let's see if you can guess what I'm thinking. Here's a few hints:

People choose to get into the water...

We celebrate with them.

It's typically done inside the church or outside the church in a pool or body of water.

Yes! That's correct. It's BAPTISM!

SAY: Everyone repeat after me. Say "Baptism", (*BAPTISM!*)

Today we will be exploring a Bible story that involves water, similar to the water in this tote. It's the story of the Baptism of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17

SAY: Baptism is an outward celebration of what God has done on the inside. We celebrate that God has saved us and washed our sins away.

2 Corinthians 5:17 If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old is gone, and the new has come.

Like we discovered last week, through SALVATION in Christ, we are forgiven and have a new life in Him, just like our scripture says.

BAPTISM OF JESUS

SAY: The baptism of Jesus is found in the Gospel of Matthew 3:13-17.

I know some of you may be thinking, “Jesus was baptized!?”

I know it sounds surprising, but one day, Jesus asked to be baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus insisted that He needed to be baptized. And when Jesus was baptized, something remarkable happened. Heaven opened up, and the Holy Spirit came down like a dove, and the voice of God was heard, saying, “This is My beloved son, with whom I am well pleased.”

This is such a significant story because it shows just how truly special baptism is. Even so, Jesus himself asked to be baptized, and we can find JOY in this - that He came to give us new life! The old is gone, and NEW LIFE has come. That means our sins are in the past - gone - and our new life in Him begins.

Baptism celebrates the decision we’ve made to choose Jesus as our Savior and to outwardly display the amazing work He is doing on the inside: cleansing and forgiving.

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE





WRAP IT UP

SAY: Just like this tote of water represents baptism, and this toy represents you. (Show kids the tote and the toy of your choice.)

You go in one way (dip toy into the water)
and come out another way (bring the toy out of the water).

ASK: Does the toy look any different on the outside?

SAY: No, however, through the public display of Baptism, we as believers know it's a work on the inside happening. Those sins are gone, and when we come up out of the water, the new begins.

It's a fresh start with Christ.

We begin to build a relationship with Him through prayer, worship, and reading His word. As we do, we start to see Fruits of the Spirit develop within our lives, and they begin to create an outward change. Our attitudes change, JOY is revealed through our actions, and those around us will see what God has truly done in our lives!

A FRESH START AND A NEW CREATION



PRAYER

PRAY: This is a perfect time to pray the prayer of salvation for anyone who hasn't yet invited Jesus into their hearts. Also, take time to pray with those who have already asked Jesus to be their personal Savior.

THOUGHTS: Encourage your kids to talk with their parents about their next step in baptism. You might consider arranging a meeting for families whose kids are interested in baptism to discuss the process together. A handout may be a great idea to send home with the kids interested in baptism.

HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

SAY: In the coming four weeks, we will continue participating in the DIME CHALLENGE. Our goal is to raise funds to sponsor a well or filtration system for those in need of clean water through Church of God World Missions.

You should have a 16 oz plastic bottle for you and your family to fill up with dimes over these several weeks. If you have not received a bottle yet, please let me know. Each bottle filled is about \$100! What an incredible opportunity we've been given to GO & MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the world around us!

ASK: Who has accepted this challenge and has already begun filling their bottle with dimes?

SAY: Make sure you reach out to grandparents, aunts, uncles, and any family members or friends about giving some of their own dimes to donate to your bottle challenge. Share with them the statistics we are learning and how, through their giving of dimes, they can also make a difference by helping us sponsor a well or filtration system for those without access to clean water.



DIME



CHALLENGE

Fill a bottle. Make a difference.





