

Baptism - Leader's Guide

- 1. What is baptism? (It's a public act that tells the world you believe in Jesus.)**
- 2. What did Jesus teach about baptism? (He commanded his followers to be baptized.)**
- 3. What happened when Jesus got baptized? (The heavens opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him like a dove.)**
- 4. Who can be baptized? (Anyone who repents and believes in Jesus. Repenting means to admit you've done wrong and want to turn away from doing evil.)**
- 5. Acts 8:26-39 tells the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch. What happened when Philip met this man? (Philip shared the Good News of Jesus with the man. The Ethiopian believed and immediately wanted to be baptized.)**
- 6. How did the Ethiopian man feel after being baptized? (He felt joyous.)**
- 7. Acts 9:1-18 tells the story of Saul's powerful meeting with Jesus. Briefly tell what happened. (Saul was trying to murder Christians. He had a blinding vision of Jesus which stopped this evil plan. He stayed blind for 3 days. A man named Ananias was sent to pray for Saul, and he could see again. Immediately, he got baptized.)**
- 8. How did Lydia hear about Jesus in Acts 16:13-15? What happened next? (Paul met her at a place of prayer and talked to her about Jesus. She believed and decided to be baptized.)**
- 9. Does baptism save you? (NO!)**
- 10. How are you saved? (We are saved by faith in what Jesus did for us on the cross.)**
- 11. What happened to the "old bad me" when Jesus died on the cross? (The old bad me was killed on the cross with Jesus. The old bad me is dead!)**
- 12. When we are lowered into the water, what does this picture? (This pictures that the old bad me is buried. It is gone!)**

- 13. When we are raised up out of the water, what does this picture? (This pictures that a brand new “me” is alive! We are raised like Jesus was. Now we can live a powerful new life!**
- 14. If you believe, have you obeyed Jesus’ command to be baptized? Why not? (Answers will vary. Some people may be afraid to take this step. Family or friends may criticize them. Remember that we need to obey God and not man. We should not give people too much power over us!)**