



# **ELEMENTARY SPIRITUAL FOCUS**

**WATER BAPTISM**





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# THE WHY

By the second grade, kids can learn about and understand water baptism. Cognitively, they can understand symbolism. The water doesn't make you clean or new, but they can understand the direct parallel between water baptism and how it shows others you are on God's team. It is an outward declaration of an inward choice. They know they are saved and want to tell everyone that they want to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

## WEEK 1: What is Water Baptism?

### WHAT:

Water Baptism is immersion. The word “immersion” means “to go fully under the water.” We fully immerse believers because it is a symbol of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. He took on our sins when He died and was buried. When He was resurrected from the dead, He was free from sin. We are symbolically doing the same thing when we are water baptized. Water baptism doesn’t wash away our sin; God does that when we ask for forgiveness of our sins. However, we are showing others that we want to live a life free from sin and that we want to follow God’s Word. We are not perfect, but we can ask God for forgiveness and help from the Holy Spirit so that we can walk in His ways.

**Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)** – *“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ Jesus replied, ‘Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’”*

### ASK & THINK ABOUT:

#### 1. What is Water Baptism?

Water Baptism is immersion. It is a symbol of how we were dead in sin, were washed of our sin with salvation, and are now new in Christ.

## WEEK 2: When Should I Be Baptized?

### WHEN:

We are to be water baptized because Jesus was. Jesus was perfect and without sin, but He was water baptized by John the Baptist because He wanted to be an example to us. He wanted to show others that He was following God, and we should do the same thing because the Bible says we should imitate Christ. You are ready to be baptized after you have accepted Jesus into your life and have prayed the sinner's prayer. Salvation was an inward choice to follow God, but water baptism is the outward declaration of that choice. Like Jesus, we need to outwardly show the world we want to follow God and His Word every day of our lives.

*Ephesians 5:1 (NIV) - "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children."*

### ASK & THINK ABOUT:

#### 1. When should you be water baptized?

After I have accepted Jesus into my life, then I should be water baptized.

## WEEK 3: What Happens After Water Baptism?

### WHAT:

After you are baptized, you should celebrate it with friends and family. This was a big next step to take in your spiritual journey. You publicly declared in front of others that you want to listen to and obey God's Word every day of your life. That means that you need to read God's Word, pray, and obey God's commandments. You are going to mess up and have bad days. You can always ask God for forgiveness and try harder to not fall into that sin again. Sometimes it can be a struggle to put aside what you want to do versus what you need to do to grow as a child of God. Hold true to the promise you made when you were water baptized. You publicly declared that you would follow Jesus wholeheartedly. You can do this with the help of the Holy Spirit! God wants to bless you and He can do that when you follow His Word every day.

*Luke 11:28 - "He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."*

### ASK & THINK ABOUT:

- 1. After you are water baptized, what happens?**  
After I am baptized, I can celebrate with family and friends. Also, I need to live a life according to God's Word so I can have a blessed life.











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