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# Lesson 1 - Baptism



## OPENING ACTIVITY

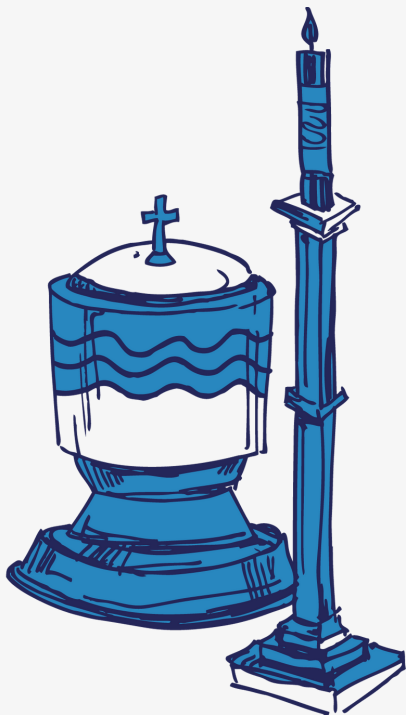
Make a list of 5 things you are absolutely certain about concerning your own baptism:

Come up with at least 1 unanswered question you have about your own baptism:

Just as the Word enters the ear in order to strike our heart, so the rite itself strikes the eye, in order to move the heart. The effect of the Word and of the rite is the same, as it has been well said by Augustine that a Sacrament is **a visible word**, because the rite is received by the eyes, and is, as it were, a picture of the Word, signifying the same thing as the Word. Therefore the effect of both is the same.

--Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article 13, para. 5

## WHAT IS BAPTISM?



Baptism is a \_\_\_\_\_



It was \_\_\_\_\_ by  
\_\_\_\_\_ himself.



It connects an \_\_\_\_\_ element  
with God's \_\_\_\_\_.



It offers and gives the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

### Mark 16:19-20

After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

What is the difference between a result and a purpose?

How did the disciples know that this ceremony would accomplish Jesus' intended result?

How did the disciples know what to do and where to do it?

What is the importance of the words **in red**?

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# Blessings of Baptism

There are three MAIN blessings of Baptism.

Acts 2:38

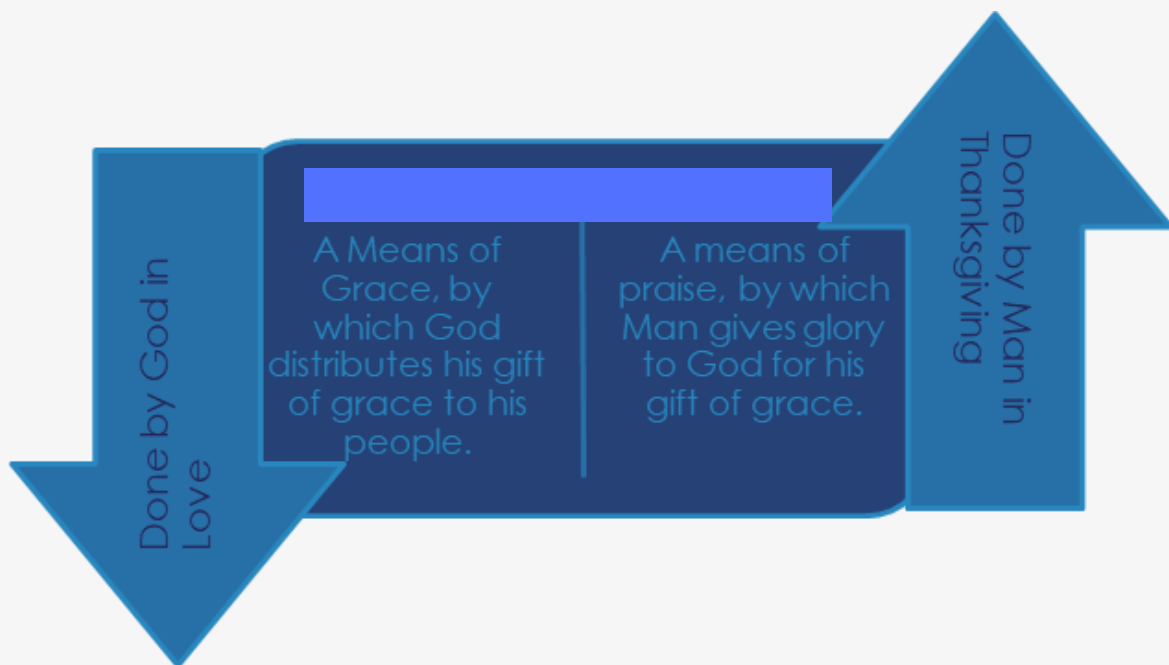
Romans 6:3-4

Mark 16:16

Baptism works \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, delivers from \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ and gives \_\_\_\_\_ to all who believe.

What is the difference between a SACRAMENT and a SACRIFICE?

Which one is Baptism?





*I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit*

# Infant Baptism

THREE REASONS TO BAPTIZE INFANTS:

MATTHEW 28:19

PSALM 51:5

MATTHEW 18:16

The Bible makes a parallel with the New Testament sacrament of baptism and the Old Testament rite of circumcision. In each, God made/makes babies a part of his holy family by cleansing the sinful nature and connecting them to the work of Jesus. Circumcision was performed on the eighth day of a baby's life on earth. (See Genesis 17:12)

Colossians 2:11, 12

You were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

Talk with your tablemates and come up with TWO different reasons why some might object to the baptism of infants...and how the passages above defend the truth.



# Planning the Baptism

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# Remembering the Baptism

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