

4 Christ Centered Conversations with your Children

SERMON SERIES: GOD'S AT WORK
Sermon Message: God is at Work Through Baptism
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Question #1

Sunday School

Preschool

Luke 9:10-17

How much food did Jesus have to feed the crowd? What did Jesus do? What happened?

Kg-1st

I Kings 18:20-39 (Z—Zealous)

God does things with zeal to show His glory. Read the story of Elijah in I Kings 18:20-39. How did God work with zeal in this story?

2nd-3rd

Lesson 27

What did the prophets do? Unscramble the names of these prophets: oams, seaoh, loej, aailsh

4th-5th

Hebrews 7:26-28 (Lesson 24—High Priest)

Look up Hebrews 9:22 and explain the connection between this verse and Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Middle School

What does *Ask*, *Seek*, and *Knock* mean?

High School

Read Mark 8:34-37. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, “take up your cross and follow me”?

Question #2

Worship/Sermon

Can you describe your baptism experience and what it means to you? If not, why not?

Question #3

Personal devotion

What are we learning from our personal devotions this week?

Question #4

Community

We are 2 Sundays away from Easter. Who can we invite to worship with us on Easter?

Today's Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:13

Next Week's Text: John 12:12-16 / Matthew 26:26-29

BAPTISM DOES NOT _____ A PERSON ANYTHING.

Matthew 3:13–17 (Pew Bible page 682)

Baptism is not a sacrament – “a means of divine grace.” (Webster's Dictionary)

Hebrews 2:11 (Pew Bible pages 846–847)

Baptism is a sacrament – “a sign or symbol of a spiritual reality.” (Webster's Dictionary)

It is an *outward* symbolic action that communicates an *inward* existing reality.

**BAPTISM IS A STEP OF _____ THAT ANNOUNCES A
PERSON'S _____ & LIFE _____.**

Romans 6:3–4 (Pew Bible page 799)

2 Corinthians 5:17–21 (Pew Bible page 819)

NOTE: Be sure and check out Pastor Jason's blogspot at pastorjasonpettus.blogspot.com. Check for updates every Monday. You can post comments and ask questions about what you've read, heard, and discussed.

A copy of today's message will be available at the kiosk in the lobby immediately following the service. Suggested donation for tapes or CDs is \$2. First time guests get today's tape/CD free by turning in your guest card at the Welcome Center.

This study guide is a resource for your Small Group to use for further study about today's sermon. If you need to find a Small Group, please contact Richard Carwile at rcarwile@lhbg.org or 843-9462. You can view a list of our Small Groups at www.livinghopewired.com.

A C L O S E R L O O K

M a t t h e w 3 : 1 3 - 1 7

Jesus' Baptism:

1. How did John respond to Jesus coming to him for baptism?
2. Why does Jesus say he needed to be baptized?
3. How is this event significant in the ministry of Jesus?

Believer's Baptism:

1. Read Romans 6:3-4. How does baptism identify us with Jesus Christ?
2. According to the following passages, what must someone do before they are baptized?
 - Mark 16:16
 - Acts 8:12
 - Acts 18:8

L I F E A P P L I C A T I O N

1. Have you been baptized? If so, when did it occur and what role did it play in your growth as a Christian?
2. What are some of the wrong motives people have for wanting to be baptized?
3. How should we counsel people who have wrong motives for being baptized?
4. How can our baptism be a witness about Jesus Christ to the people in our church and to the people in our community?