

**Water Weekend
Baptism (Stand Alone Lesson)
February 7th, 2021**



LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to understand the meaning of baptism.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:18-20
Romans 10:9-10

THINK ABOUT THIS

Baptism is an important part of the Christian faith. Due to safety concerns, full campus baptism celebrations haven't returned, but if you know a student who is ready to take a next step to get baptized – talk with your MSM campus staff. This way they can follow up with the student, their family, and have their contact info to reach out when able to baptize.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward decision to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

GET THEM TALKING

What are some fun things you've dressed up for? What did you wear? (Halloween, sports games, school spirit week, etc.)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are different ways people show support for things they care about?
2. What are different ways people show support for Jesus?

READ MATTHEW 28:18-20 and discuss:

3. In your own words, what does Jesus ask His followers to do?
4. What do you think it means that "Baptism is an outward expression of an inward decision to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?"
5. What questions do you have about baptism?
6. Who can share with us about getting baptized?

READ ROMANS 10:9-10 and discuss:

7. How is someone saved?
8. Have you made a decision to follow Jesus? If not, what is holding you back?
9. If you believe in Jesus, have you been baptized? If not, what is holding you back?

NEXT STEP

Whether you've been baptized or not, accepted Jesus a long time ago, or aren't sure if you are ready for that yet – you have a next step to grow closer to Jesus. Maybe your next step is simply to show up here same time next week to hang out and learn more about Jesus. Maybe your next step is to spend time with Jesus at home reading your Bible or listening to worship music.

If you are ready to be baptized....talk to MSM campus pastor to be put on a list to contact when baptisms reopen.

You each can take a next step in growing closer to Jesus!

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students to share their prayer requests and close your time together in prayer.

SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

MATTHEW 28:18-20 (NIV)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

ROMANS 10:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”