

**ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT**

*When?* *How?*  
*Where?* **BEING** *Why?*  
**BAPTISED**

*Who said so?* *What is it?*



**LEADER BOOKLET**



# QUESTION:

## WHO is our example?

If we want to live for Jesus, the best example we can follow is the way Jesus lived. Before Jesus' ministry began let's read what He did.



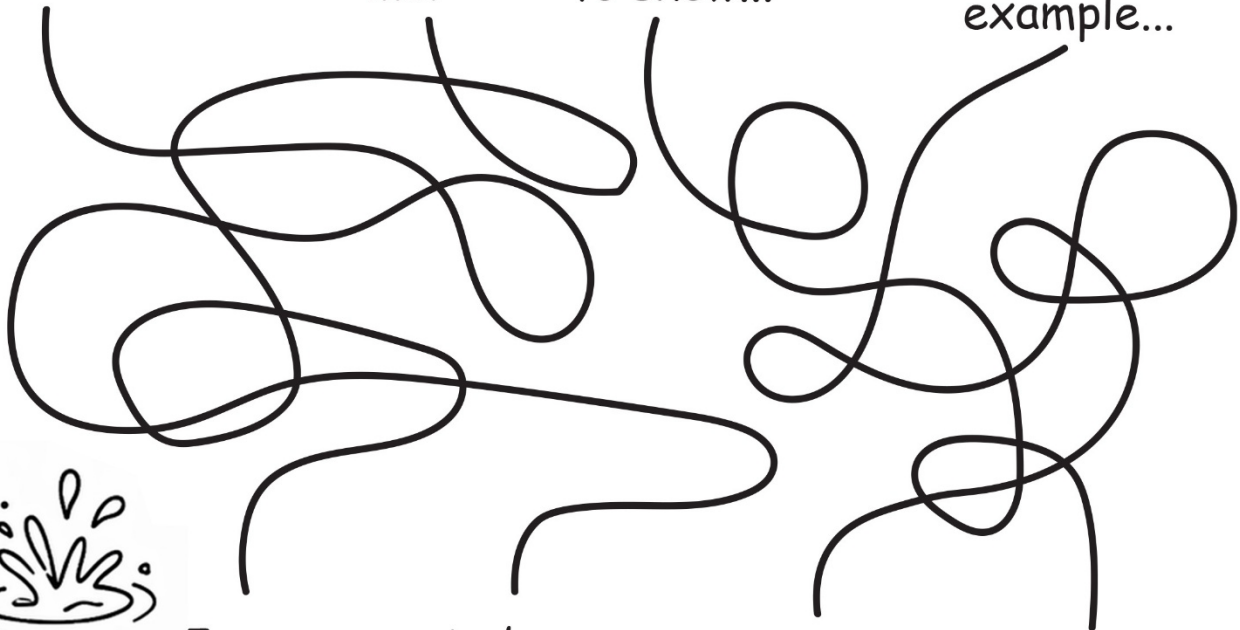
Read Matthew 3:13 -17

Jesus came to the Jordan...

John said, "You baptise me!"

Jesus got baptised to show...

Jesus is our example...



Jesus replied, "It is required."

to be baptised.

to be baptised too.

what He would do to save us.

If one of the reasons Jesus got baptised was to be our example, do you think we should also be baptised? \_\_\_\_\_

Let's look a little more at what water baptism is.

## TEACHER NOTES

- Jesus lived a perfect life. If we want to know how to live a life that pleases God, we should look at how He lived.
- Before Jesus did all His miracles, called His disciples or began teaching others, He got John to baptise Him in water.
- **Matthew 3:13-17** <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup>But John tried to talk Him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by You," he said, "so why are You coming to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize Him. <sup>16</sup>After His baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on Him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is My dearly loved Son, who brings Me great joy."
- If Jesus is without sin, then why did He get baptised? Even John was confused and tried to talk Him out of it.

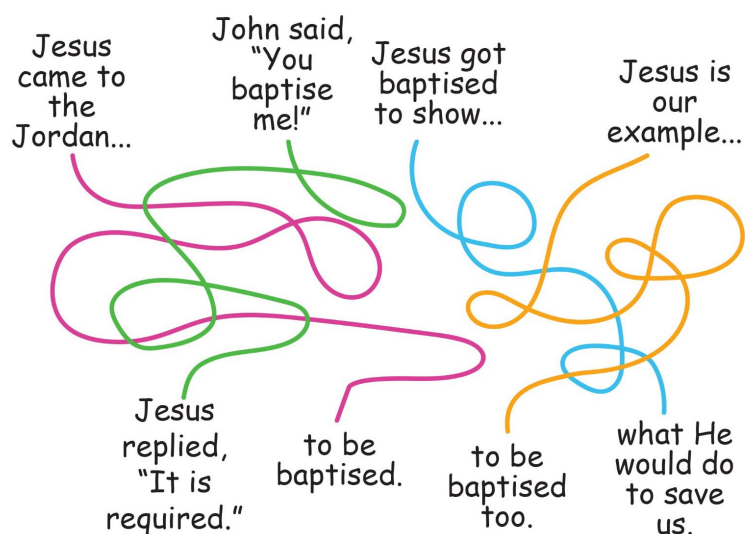
**Matthew 3:15 (NIV)** Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

Jesus' death was required for us to be made right with God again and so Jesus' baptism showed He was ready to do this. He would fulfil the salvation plan.

- Jesus was baptised to firstly show what He would do for us to save us from our sin. Going under the water was a picture of Him dying for our sin and coming up again showed He would have victory over sin and death by coming alive again. And secondly, Jesus was baptised as an example to believers that they should be baptised too.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Read Matthew 3:13-17 and follow the paths.



- Children answer the question personally.



# QUESTION:



## WHO tells us to be baptised?



Read Matthew 28:18 -19

1. Who came to the disciples? (vs 18) \_\_\_\_\_

2. What had been given to Jesus? (vs 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Use the pictures to work out the instruction Jesus gives in Matthew 28:18-19



<sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,

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\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Matthew 28:18-19

The King of kings Himself, who has all authority, commands us to be baptised.

## TEACHER NOTES

- Jesus not only showed us that it is good to be baptised, He also commanded believers to do so too.
- **Matthew 28:18-19** <sup>18</sup>Jesus came and told His disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, **go** and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the **Father** and the **Son** and the **Holy Spirit**.
- Jesus tells us to go and help people to follow Him and become like Him and being baptised is part of this.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Use Matthew 28:18-19 to answer the questions
  1. Jesus came to the disciples
  2. All authority in heaven and earth had been given to Jesus
- Use the pictures to fill in the words  
Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

# QUESTION:


## WHY do we get baptised?



Read Acts 2:36-41

Peter told the crowd the Good News that Jesus is the Promised Saviour. This message changed their hearts. Now that they knew and believed in Jesus they asked what they must do next?

Read Acts 2:38 and fill in the missing words to see the answer.

Peter replied. " \_\_\_\_\_ must repent of your sins and turn to God, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 

1. What must the people do once they have faith in Jesus as their Saviour? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who does Peter say must be baptised? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What must **you** do once you have faith in Jesus as your Saviour? \_\_\_\_\_

We do **NOT** get baptised to be saved from our sins. Jesus does this. It is a response to show our faith in Jesus for what He's done. Let's recap what we have learnt so far. We get baptised because...

Jesus got baptised

Jesus told us to

It pleases God when we obey Him

Baptism shows our faith in Jesus

Baptism shows what Jesus did for us

## TEACHER NOTES

- Once Jesus had returned to Heaven the Holy Spirit came, just like had been promised. Peter then got up and told everyone the Good News about Jesus explaining that He is the Lord and Messiah promised by God, whose death and resurrection was to save us from our sin. This message pierced the people's hearts. It made such an impact on them that they asked Peter what they must do next.
- Peter's answer was that **all of them** should respond. First they must repent and turn to God. The Greek word for "repent" here is "metanoēō" which means to "change one's mind". Peter was telling them to change their mind from not believing in Jesus to believing in Jesus and to turn from following sin to living for Jesus. And then because of this faith in Jesus they must be baptised.
- **Acts 2:36-41** <sup>36</sup>"So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!" <sup>37</sup>Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter replied, "**Each of you** must repent of your sins and turn to God, and **be baptised** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God." <sup>40</sup>Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" <sup>41</sup> Those who believed what Peter said were **baptised** and added to the church that day about 3,000 in all.
- Peter was **not** saying that you should be baptised so that you can be saved; but instead that once you have faith in Jesus be baptised to show it.
- So far we have seen the reason we get baptised is because:
  - Jesus, our perfect example, got baptised (Matthew 3:13-17)
  - God requires us to (Matthew 3:15) and it pleases God when we follow His commands.
  - Jesus told us to (Matthew 28:19)
  - We get baptised to show our faith in Jesus
  - We get baptised to show what Jesus did for us when He died and came alive again.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Read Acts 2:36-41
- Use Acts 2:38 to fill in the missing words  
Peter replied, "**Each of you** must repent of your sins and turn to God, and **be baptised** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Use the verses to answer the questions
  1. Be baptised
  2. Each of you (That means all believers)
  3. Be baptised



# QUESTION:



## WHAT does baptism show?

Baptism is an action that shows on the **OUTSIDE** what Jesus has done on the **INSIDE**.



Read 1 John 1:9;

Ephesians 2:13;

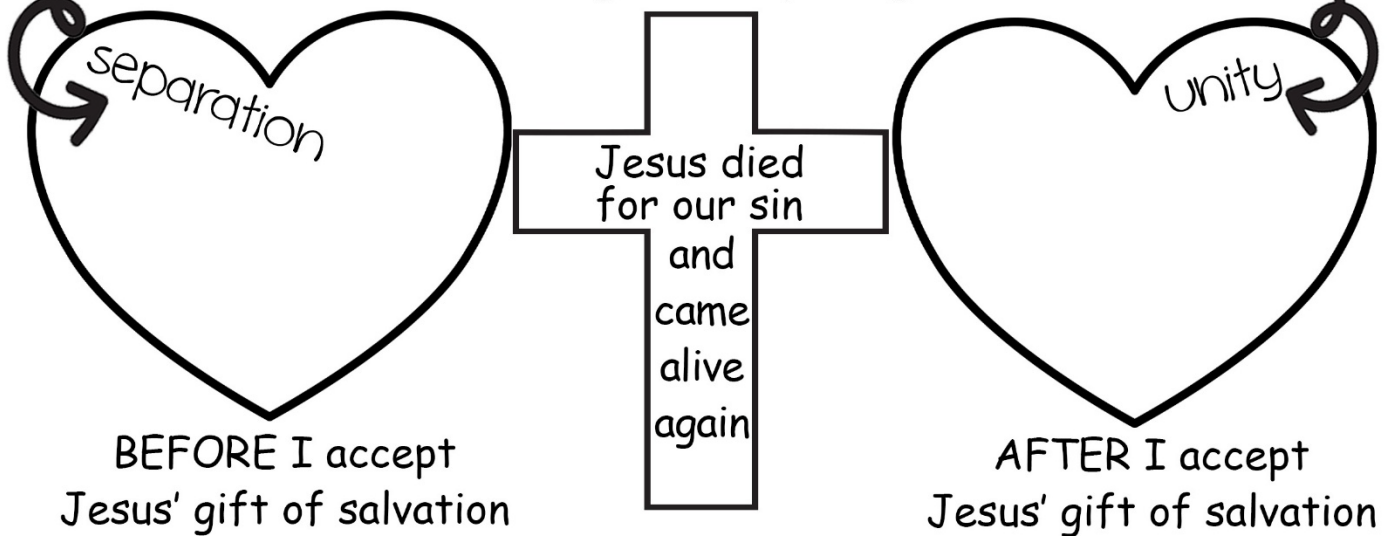
Ephesians 2:4-5;

Colossians 1:21-22

Write the words below in the matching heart to show what it was like **BEFORE** and **AFTER** Jesus died and came alive again.

**SEPARATION**      **FAR AWAY**      **FORGIVENESS**      **NEAR**      **LIFE**      **SIN**  
**ENEMY**      **DEATH**      **RECONCILED**      **UNITY**

Look how Jesus changes everything on the **INSIDE**



Baptism is a way of showing this on the **OUTSIDE**

Baptism shows others what we believe

I believe in Jesus and have chosen to follow Him.

Going under the water shows

Jesus has cleansed me from my sin  
 I have died to my old sinful ways

Coming up again shows

I live a new life with Jesus



## TEACHER NOTES

- Getting baptised is **not** what saves us from our sin. Jesus does this.
- Baptism is an action on the outside to show what Jesus has done on the inside.
- Jesus dying on the cross and coming alive again changed things for us. When we accept this gift of salvation we change...
  - from having sin to being forgiven
  - from being separated to being united with God
  - from being far away to being near to God
  - from death to eternal life with God
  - from being God's enemy to being reconciled to Him
- **1 John 1:9** But if we confess our **sins** to Him, He is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.
- **Ephesians 2:13** But now you have been **united** with Christ Jesus. Once you were **far away** from God, but now you have been brought **near** to Him through the blood of Christ.
- **Ephesians 2:4-5** <sup>4</sup>But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us **life** when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)
- **Colossians 1:21-22** <sup>21</sup>This includes you who were once **far away** from God. You were His **enemies, separated** from Him by your evil thoughts and actions. <sup>22</sup>Yet now He has **reconciled** you to Himself through the death of Christ in His physical body. As a result, He has brought you into His own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before Him without a single fault.
- When we get baptised we show others what we believe, what Jesus has done for us and how we choose to live.
- Going under the water shows that our old selfish way is past, our sin has gone or been cleansed and our old life is dead and buried. **2 Corinthians 5:17**  
<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
- Coming up out of the water shows that a new life in Jesus has come. Jesus has set us free from sin. We have come alive in Jesus. We begin a new life with Jesus loving and serving Him.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Read the verses and decide which words belong in each heart.
- BEFORE accepting Jesus' gift of salvation: separation; sin; far away; death
- AFTER accepting Jesus' gift of salvation: unity; forgiveness; life; near
- Trace over the words INSIDE and OUTSIDE



# QUESTION:



## WHEN can we get baptised?

① First we need to repent and be **SAVED**



Read John 3:16

Fill in the missing words

For this is how God \_\_\_\_\_ the world:  
 He gave His one and only \_\_\_\_\_, so that  
 everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ in Him will not  
 perish but have eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

That's  
you and  
me!

The Bible says to be saved we need to **BELIEVE**

Put a tick in the box if you believe that:

Jesus was born and lived on earth as a man. (John 1:14)

Jesus is God's Son. (Matthew 3:17)



Jesus gave His life on the cross to save us from our sins. (Romans 5:8)

Jesus died and was buried. But on the third day He came alive again. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

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When you **BELIEVE** and follow Jesus, you are **SAVED**!  
 From the moment you are saved, you can immediately  
 be baptised. Are you ready? \_\_\_\_\_

## TEACHER NOTES

- First we need to be saved. God the Father sent His Son Jesus to live a perfect life on earth. Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins that keep us away from God. He came alive again and now if we give our lives to Jesus we can be part of God's family and live with Him forever. We can be saved. So first, and most importantly, we need to believe in Jesus and that only He can forgive us for the bad things we choose to do.
- **John 3:16** For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.
- Once we are saved, we can be baptised! This is the answer to "when?" It does not matter how long after you have given your life to Jesus, but sooner is better than later.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Read John 3:16
- Fill in the missing words: For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.
- Trace over the word BELIEVE
- Tick the box if they believe the statement. (Verses are there for reference)
- Decide if they are ready to be baptised.

# QUESTION:

## WHERE can we get baptised?



Read Acts 8: 35-38 to see where the eunuch was baptised

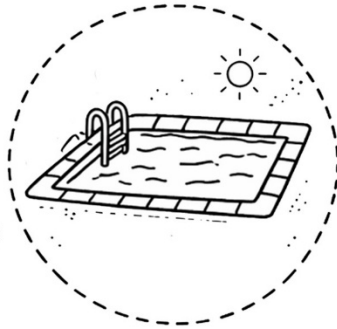
Write the words in brackets in reverse. Eg: (S U S E J) = JESUS

Any (E C A L P) \_\_\_\_\_ where there is  
(E F A S) \_\_\_\_\_  
(R E T A W) \_\_\_\_\_ by  
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loves Jesus to (P L E H) \_\_\_\_\_ you.

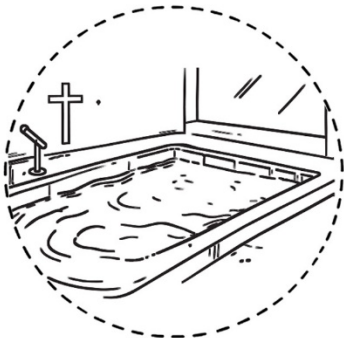
Match the word to the picture



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pool

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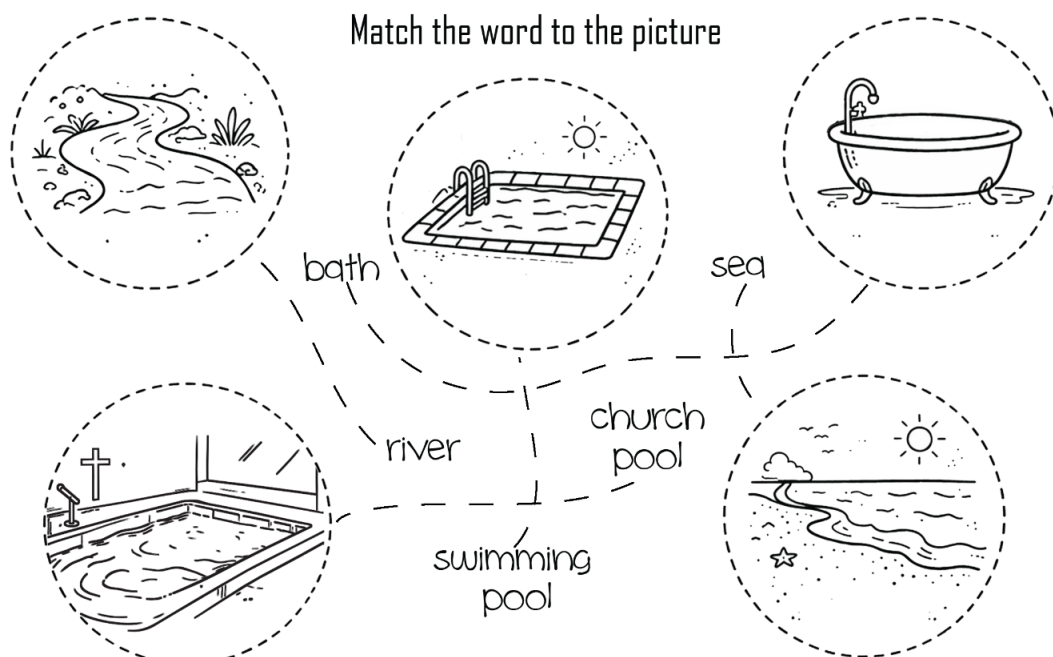
It doesn't matter where we get baptised as baptism is not about the place, it is about us showing on the outside what Jesus has done for us.

## TEACHER NOTES

- An important man, a eunuch from Ethiopia was reading from the book of Isaiah, but he didn't understand what it meant. The Holy Spirit urged Philip to go over to him. Philip taught him what the Scripture was saying and explained the Good News about Jesus. As they travelled along, they came to some water and the man asked Philip to baptise him and he did. Afterward, the man went on his way full of joy.
- **Acts 8:34-38** <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup>So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.
- It doesn't matter where we get baptised as baptism is not about the water or the place being special. It is about being obedient to God and showing on the outside what Jesus has done for us.
- Just like the eunuch it did not matter about the place he got baptised it was in response to what he had just learnt about who Jesus is. Philip was an ordinary man who loved Jesus and so he could baptise him.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Read Acts 8:35-38
- Write the words in brackets in reverse  
Any PLACE where there is SAFE WATER by SOMEONE who loves Jesus to HELP you.
- Match the words to the pictures of the places to get baptised.





# QUESTION:



## WHAT IS IT LIKE GETTING BAPTISED?

Getting baptised is nothing to be afraid of.  
Here is what happens, step-by-step:



Someone helps you into the water and asks you why you want to be baptised.

The person who is helping you get baptised will say a prayer and say "In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit"



Then you are lowered gently under the water and lifted up again.



Family and friends come and witness (watch) what is taking place and rejoice with you.



Draw in who you would like to see you being baptised

And that's it! You have now been baptised!

Thank you, Jesus!

## TEACHER NOTES

- Baptism doesn't require a strict structure or specific words you have to say. And so these are just guidelines of what you can expect.
- You can wear shorts and a t-shirt and bring a towel and a set of dry clothes.
- It is wonderful to invite friends and family to witness and celebrate with you.
- *Allow the children to go through the booklet again and ask as many questions they like until they feel ready to be baptised.*
- **DO NOT** baptise a child without a parent's permission.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Draw people into the picture