

Bible Club: Baptism Week

Know God. Serve God. Share God. — Deuteronomy 6:4–9
A six-day family worship plan • Monday through Saturday

THE GOAL OF THE WEEK

By Saturday, a child who has asked to be baptized can answer six questions about baptism **in their own words**. One question each day. Older siblings help teach, drill, and ask. Do not push for a date. Build understanding.

Week at a Glance

DAY	BIG QUESTION	TEXT	1689
Monday	What is baptism?	Matthew 28:18–20	Ch. 29.1
Tuesday	What does it mean to be born again?	John 3:1–8	29.1 (“newness of life”)
Wednesday	What does baptism picture?	Romans 6:3–4	29.1
Thursday	Who should be baptized?	Acts 8:26–40	29.2
Friday	How does the church baptize?	Mark 1:9–11; Acts 8:36–39	29.3–4
Saturday	Why do <i>you</i> want to be baptized?	Romans 10:9–10	Review all

MEMORY VERSE (FAMILY)	MEMORY VERSE (YOUNGEST)	WEEK HYMN
Romans 6:4 — buried with Him, raised to newness of life. Read it at esv.org . Add one phrase per day.	Acts 16:31 — “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.” Whole verse by Saturday.	“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death” (Sing! Hymnal — confirm number in your index). Sing it daily. Alternates below per day.

PRINT LIST — FROM OUR ESV PDF

PRINT BEFORE	PAGES	COPIES
Monday	Matthew 28	1 per kid
Wednesday	Romans 6	1 per kid
Thursday	Acts 8	1 per kid

MARK IT UP — KEY FOR THE WEEK

- **Circle in blue:** every “baptize / baptized / baptism”
- **Highlight yellow:** every “believe / faith / heart”
- **Underline:** every command Jesus or an apostle gives
- **Draw waves** under every mention of water
- Youngest can color the margins with what the passage describes. Keep all three pages in a folder. Saturday, we tape them up and review.

OLDER KIDS — ROTATING ROLES (ASSIGN DAILY)

ROLE	JOB
Reader	Reads the 1689 paragraph aloud, twice: once as written, once in own words
Drill Master	Calls the sword drill, keeps score, helps the youngest find the book
Song Leader	Picks the verse order, starts the hymn
Interviewer	Asks the youngest the Big Question at the end and one follow-up: “What do you mean by that?”

Monday DAY 1

BIG QUESTION — What is baptism?

TARGET ANSWER — “Baptism is something Jesus told His followers to do. It shows I belong to Him.”

SING — Week hymn. Alternate: “In Christ Alone.”

SWORD DRILL — Matthew 28:19 • Acts 2:41 • Acts 10:48 • Matthew 3:13 • John 14:15

READ & TEACH — Matthew 28:18-20. Jesus has *all* authority. He gives a command: make disciples, baptize them, teach them. Baptism is not our idea. It is His command. It comes with His name — Father, Son, Holy Spirit — and His promise: “I am with you always.”

MARK IT UP — Matthew 28 printout. Use the key. Then ask: How many commands did you underline? Whose name goes over the baptized person?

1689 §29.1 — “Baptism is an ordinance of the New Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ...”

Kid version: An “ordinance” is something Jesus ordered. He set it up. We obey it.

INTERVIEW — Interviewer asks the youngest the Big Question. Write their exact words on the tracker (last page).

Tuesday DAY 2

BIG QUESTION — What does it mean to be born again?

TARGET ANSWER — “God gives me a new heart so I can love and trust Jesus. Only God can do it.”

LEAD-IN — Ask: Did you do anything to get born? No. You received life as a gift. Jesus says we need a *second* birth — and that one is a gift too.

SING — Week hymn. Alternate: “His Mercy Is More.”

SWORD DRILL — John 3:3 • John 3:7 • 2 Corinthians 5:17 • Titus 3:5 • Ezekiel 36:26

READ & TEACH — John 3:1-8. Nicodemus knew a lot of Bible. Jesus still said: you must be born again. Baptism does not cause the new birth. Water on the outside is the picture; the Spirit’s work on the inside is the reality. First the new heart, then the water.

ACTIVITY — Two-Births Chart. Fold a paper in half. Left side: “Born” — draw the day you were born (your birth date, who was there). Right side: “Born Again” — draw what God does (new heart, the Spirit like wind). The left side gets a date. The right side has no date box — the wind blows where it wishes.

1689 §29.1 — baptism is a sign of “...giving up into God, through Jesus Christ, to live and walk in newness of life.”

Kid version: New life first. Baptism is the sign that points to it.

INTERVIEW — Big Question to the youngest. Record their words.

Wednesday DAY 3

BIG QUESTION — What does baptism picture?

TARGET ANSWER — “Going under the water is like being buried with Jesus. Coming up is like rising with Him to a new life.”

SING — Week hymn (the second verse carries today’s theme). Alternate: “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery.”

SWORD DRILL — Romans 6:3 • Romans 6:4 • Galatians 3:27 • Colossians 2:12 • Galatians 2:20

READ & TEACH — Romans 6:3-4. Baptism tells the gospel story with your body: down into the water = Christ’s death and burial; up out of the water = His resurrection — and yours. This is our memory verse. Say it together over the marked-up page.

MARK IT UP — Romans 6 printout. Use the key. Then: draw a down-arrow next to every burial word, an up-arrow next to every resurrection word.

OBJECT LESSON — Clear bowl of water. A small toy figure. Down — hold it under — up. Three seconds. Let each kid do it while saying: “Buried with Him. Raised with Him.”

1689 §29.1 — “...a sign of his fellowship with him, in his death and resurrection; of his being engrafted into him; of remission of sins...”

Kid version: The sign says: I am joined to Jesus. His death counts for me. His life counts for me. My sins are washed away by Him, not by the water.

INTERVIEW — Big Question. Record their words.

BIG QUESTION — Who should be baptized?

TARGET ANSWER — “People who believe in Jesus and turn from their sin. Believe first, then baptism.”

SING — Week hymn. Alternate: “Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me.”

SWORD DRILL — Acts 2:38 • Acts 8:12 • Acts 16:31 • Acts 18:8 • Acts 2:41

READ & TEACH — Acts 8:26–40. The Ethiopian hears the good news about Jesus from Isaiah 53. He sees water and asks: what prevents me? Notice the order in every Acts story from the drill: they heard, they believed, *then* they were baptized. Nobody in Acts is baptized before believing.

MARK IT UP — Acts 8 printout. Use the key. Then number the order of events in the margin: 1 heard → 2 believed → 3 baptized.

1689 §29.2 — “Those who do actually profess repentance towards God, faith in, and obedience to, our Lord Jesus Christ, are the only proper subjects of this ordinance.”

Kid version: “Profess” means to say it out loud with your own mouth. That is why Dad asks you questions. That is why the church will ask you too. It is not a test to pass. It is your own voice telling what you believe.

OLDER KIDS — Discussion: Why does the church listen to a person’s profession before baptizing? What is the church listening for?

INTERVIEW — Big Question. Record their words.

BIG QUESTION — How does the church baptize?

TARGET ANSWER — “With water. All the way under and back up. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. With the church.”

SING — Week hymn. Alternate: “O Church Arise.”

SWORD DRILL — Mark 1:9 • Matthew 3:16 • John 3:23 • Acts 8:38 • Acts 8:39

READ & TEACH — Mark 1:9–11 and Acts 8:36–39. Jesus came *up out of* the water. Philip and the Ethiopian went *down into* the water. The word “baptize” means to dip or plunge. And notice Mark 1: the Father speaks, the Son stands in the water, the Spirit descends. All three names go over you.

ACTIVITY — Practice the words. One older kid plays the pastor with the bowl and the toy figure from Wednesday: “Upon your profession of faith, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Down. Up. Everyone claps — because that is what the church does.

1689 §29.3–4 — “The outward element to be used in this ordinance is water, wherein the party is to be baptized, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit... Immersion, or dipping of the person in water, is necessary to the due administration of this ordinance.”

Kid version: Real water. All the way in. God’s triune name. Done by the church, not in our bathtub — because baptism joins you to God’s people, not just to your family.

INTERVIEW — Big Question. Record their words.

BIG QUESTION — Why do you want to be baptized?

TARGET ANSWER — Their own words. Not a script. Listen for: who Jesus is, what He did, why they need Him, and obedience to His command.

SING — Week hymn, all verses. Let the Song Leader pick one more.

SWORD DRILL — Romans 10:9 • Romans 10:10 • Matthew 10:32 • Romans 6:4 • Acts 16:31 (the last two from memory, Bibles closed)

REVIEW — Tape all three marked-up pages on the wall. Walk the week: command → new birth → picture → who → how → why.

THE PANEL — Older kids sit as the panel. The child sits in the chair. The panel asks the six Big Questions, one at a time, gently. No coaching, no correcting mid-answer. Dad records video on his phone — their own words, this week, at this age. If an answer is thin, that is information, not failure. We keep teaching.

OLDER KIDS’ TURN — Flip it. The youngest ask the older kids: “Why were *you* baptized?” or “What do you believe?” Their testimony teaches more than the lesson does.

NEXT STEP — Tell the kids plainly: when you can answer these questions in your own words, the next step is to say them to our pastor and the church. Baptism belongs to the church. We will walk there together.

CELEBRATE — A special dessert to mark the week. Close with the Family Blessing.

Dad’s Listening Tracker

Child’s name: Age:

Print one page per child. Write their exact words after each interview. Do not clean them up. Compare Monday to Saturday.

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What a Credible Answer Sounds Like

Child-level. Use this while listening. It is a guide, not a script.

- **Who is Jesus?** — “God’s Son. He is God, and He became a man.”
- **What did He do?** — “He lived perfectly, died on the cross for sins, and rose again.”
- **Why do you need Him?** — “Because I sin, and I cannot fix that myself.”
- **What is baptism?** — “A picture that I am joined to Jesus — buried and raised with Him.”
- **Who gets baptized?** — “People who believe. Believe first, then water.”
- **Why do you want it?** — Listen for Jesus, not for “because my brother did” or “because of the party.” Follow up once: “What do you mean?” Then stop and pray.

Appendix: 1689 London Baptist Confession, Chapter 29 — Of Baptism

1. *Baptism is an ordinance of the New Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ, to be unto the party baptized, a sign of his fellowship with him, in his death and resurrection; of his being engrafted into him; of remission of sins; and of giving up into God, through Jesus Christ, to live and walk in newness of life.*
2. *Those who do actually profess repentance towards God, faith in, and obedience to, our Lord Jesus Christ, are the only proper subjects of this ordinance.*
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