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Family Home Evening Made Easy

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Baptism Family Home Evening Packet



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Suggested Songs: "Baptism", pg. 100 (Childrens)

"When I Am Baptized", pg. 103 (Childrens)

"Lord, Accept Into Thy Kingdom", pg. 236 (Hymn)

Scriptures: Acts 2:38, D&C 20:37

Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

Baptism Cards: Laminate and cut out cards. Hold up each card one at a time and go through the object lesson found on the back of each of the letter cards.

Game:

Preparation: Color, laminate and cut out each of the fifteen game pieces for Team #1 and Team #2. Laminate the game board. Choose someone to be the host (the person who will give the clues). Divide the rest of the players into two teams.

Object: To be the first team to get five in a row. A row can be diagonal, vertical or horizontal, but it must be a straight line. A team can also try to block their opposing team from getting five in a row.

Play: Determine if you will use the clues for Game #1 or Game #2. Choose a team to go first. The team begins by choosing which letter they want to use to start. The letter in the box corresponds with the answer to the clue. In other words, the answer to the clue, begins with the letter in the box. Example: Team #1 picks a box with the letter "G" on it. The host refers to the clue sheet for either game #1 or game #2, and reads the clue for that letter. The team then gives an answer. If the answer is correct, the team places one of their team game pieces over that square. They now own that square. The team continues play, until they miss a question. Once a team has missed an answer, the opposing team can try to steal the question if they know the answer. If the opposing team gives the correct answer, they get to place one of their team game pieces on the square and continue answering questions. If they answer incorrectly, no one gets the square, but they now get to answer questions. When a team has won five squares in a row, they win the game. If you have young children, you can make up easier questions, and if you have older children, you can make up harder questions that correspond with the letters.

Banana Blizzards

Ingredients:

- 1 medium banana, ripe
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup vanilla yogurt
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

• The night before, peel a banana and cut it into chunks. Place all the banana chunks into a plastic bag and place them in the freezer overnight.

• When you are ready to serve, place the banana chunks in a blender. Add the milk, vanilla extract and vanilla yogurt.

• Blend on low speed until the drink is smooth. When the drink is thick and smooth, pour the drink into a glass and enjoy!

Yield: 2 servings

The Baptism of Kade and Kathy

Kade Adams had waited his whole life to be baptized and now it would only be a few more days until he was eight years old. He could hardly stand it! All his Primary teachers had told him about going into a font and having a Priesthood holder baptize him. It was Kade's dad who would have that honor, and both father and son were excited.

Mother sent invitations to all of Kade's relatives and friends. Arrangements were made with the people in the stake who had the responsibility of filling the font. Everything was set except for actually going to the stake center and picking out white clothes for Kade and his Dad. The clock just wasn't moving fast enough and Kade thought the day would never come.

Down the road a few miles there lived a very nice lady whose name was Kathy. On this particular night, she was listening to the last discussion from the full time missionaries in that area. She had prayed hard to know if the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was the true church and she had received a very strong testimony that it was! She, too, was very excited about her upcoming baptism. In fact, both baptisms had been set for the very same day, at the very same time, in the very same place but neither Kathy nor Kade knew of the other's baptism. As the time drew nearer, both of them began to get a little nervous and they wondered just what was going to happen as they took this huge step to become members of such a wonderful church.

Finally, the day arrived and Kade ate a quick breakfast. Mother combed his hair and laid out his white shirt, tie and Sunday slacks. His hands shook a little as he dressed himself and brushed his teeth. Kathy, on the other hand, had gotten out of bed very early that morning. She had studied the Book of Mormon before eating breakfast and dressing in her nicest Sunday dress. She couldn't help but wish that her husband, Jack, had wanted to learn about the gospel, too, and that they could have been baptized together, on the same day. But she would hope and pray that his day would come soon. At least he was supporting her and even coming to be with her that day. One of the missionaries who had taught her would baptize her and the other would confirm her. She paused to remember what they had told her about being confirmed.

"When you are confirmed," they said, "worthy priesthood holders stand in a circle around you and lay their hands on your head. They give you the gift of the Holy Ghost and set you apart as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints." This part had been a little hard for Kathy to understand but she knew that the Holy Ghost was a God and that he was someone who would watch over you, protect you, and teach you things that are true. She knew that he was a spirit and that he is very special. She wanted this marvelous gift and she knew that when she was confirmed a member, she could have the constant companionship of this wonderful being.

Soon it was time to leave for the church. Kade and his mother, father two sisters and his grandmother loaded into the car. Across town, Kathy and Jack also got into their car and headed for the stake center.

As both families entered the doors of the church, they introduced themselves to each other. "I didn't know anyone else was getting baptized today," Kade said.

"I didn't either," Kathy replied. "Isn't it wonderful that we can both have this special day together?" Kade nodded his head up and down. He was somewhat relieved that there would be someone else doing the same thing.

Kade and Kathy were led to the clothes closet where they were fitted for beautiful white clothing that they could wear into the water. They quickly changed into their baptismal clothing as someone was playing familiar hymns on the piano in the Relief Society room. Soon, everyone was seated on the front row as they waited for the bishop to begin the meeting. Kade's legs were swinging in front of him and mother had to reach over and tap him gently to stop. Kathy smiled and winked at Kade. It made his little heart calm and he sat back against his chair for the first time. Kathy then leaned forward and said, "Kade, would you like me to go first so you can see what it is like?"

"Oh, would you?" He beamed. Kathy just nodded her head and whispered something into the bishop's ear. Then the music stopped. The room became very quiet even though it was filled with friends, relatives and others who had come to see the baptisms. The bishop stood up and announced the opening song and thanked those that were helping. He said that Kade's Uncle Dan would give the opening prayer and then there would be two talks: one on baptism and one on the Holy Ghost.

Kade just didn't know how he was going to sit through two talks. Why did they have to have talks? He hadn't counted on talks, but a strange thing happened when the song and prayer were over and the speakers began. Each person that spoke made Kade feel at ease when they explained things that Kade had wondered about. For instance, he had wanted to know what the Holy Ghost would feel like. How would he know the Holy Ghost was around? Sister Abbott, who was speaking about the Holy Ghost, explained that when we feel the holy Ghost around us, we always feel good. Some people feel warm inside and some feel peaceful. She said that the Holy Ghost would only be with us if we were doing the things we should, and that if we were good, we could have him with us always after we are confirmed. Then something wonderful happened: Kade felt warm. He felt peaceful. It was such a wonderful feeling that he wished he could feel like that forever! The Holy Ghost was comforting him, even then.

Then it was time. Kade was invited to go up to the font and kneel on the floor to watch as Kathy walked down the steps. Elder Watkins had entered the font in front of her and took hold of her hand to help her into the warm water. He gently stepped behind her and wrapped his left arm around her. He took her right wrist in his left hand as she placed her left hand on his arm. He raised his right hand into the air, bending his elbow to form a square and said these words: "Kathleen April Donovan, having been commissioned of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." Then, Kathy plugged her nose as the young missionary placed his right hand on her back for support and eased her down into the water until she was completely covered and pulled her right back up. Kathy beamed as she and Elder Watkins walked up the steps and out of the font.

Now, it was Kade's turn. Kade walked down the steps and into the water with his father. His mother beamed with joy as they situated themselves just as Kathy and Elder Watkins had done. Father repeated the same words that Elder Watkins had spoken and held tightly to Kade as he eased him into the water and pulled him back up. "That was easy," Kade whispered to Dad, and both walked to the dressing rooms to change into dry clothing.

When both Kathy and Kade were dressed in their dry clothing, they returned to the Relief Society room and took their places on the front row. A huge circle of Kade's uncles, cousins and friends who held the Melchizedek Priesthood surrounded him and placed their hands upon his head. Father then gave Kade a wonderful blessing in which he said these words: "Kade Michael Adams, by the power of the Holy Priesthood which we hold, I confirm you a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and say unto you, receive the Holy Ghost." After Kade's confirmation, Kathy was confirmed by Elder Wayne, Elder Watkins' companion.

A sweet feeling filled the room and Kathy winked at Kade as family and friends all rushed to the front of the room to congratulate them both. It was a day that neither of them would ever forget.

DISCUSSION:

- Why do we have to be baptized? (It's a commandment to fulfill all righteousness)
- Why are we immersed in water instead of just sprinkled with water? (Because Jesus was baptized by immersion in the River Jordan and we are commanded to be baptized by immersion)
- How old do we have to be to be baptized? (8 years)

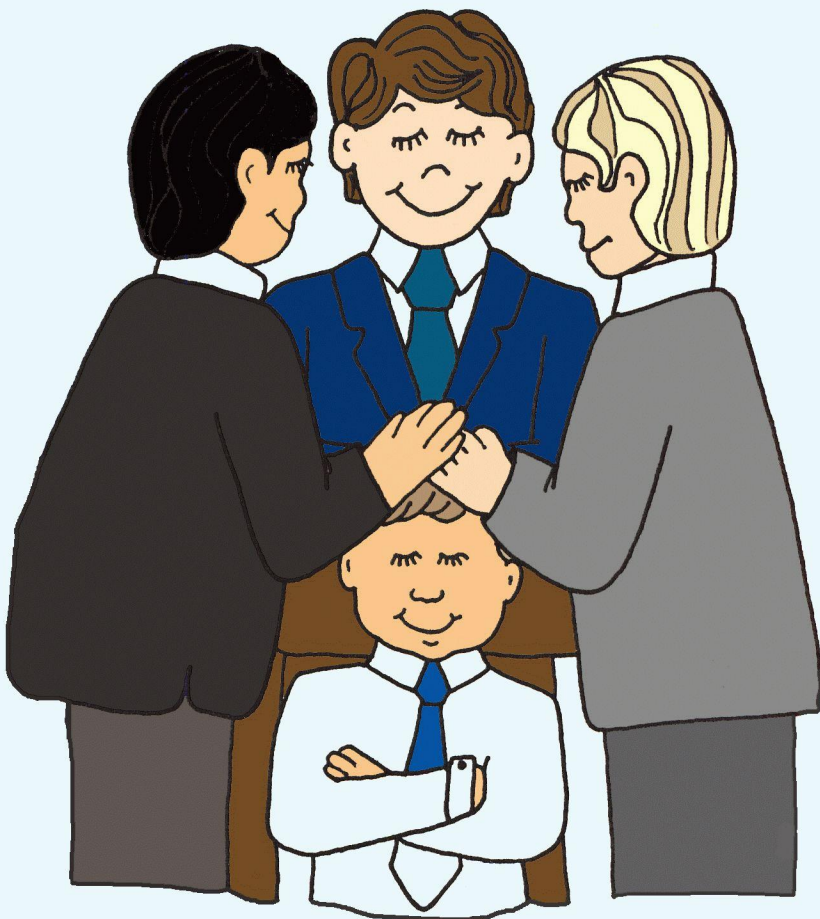
- Call on someone who has already been baptized and ask them to tell about their baptism and how it made them feel.



Kathy's Baptism



Kade's Baptism



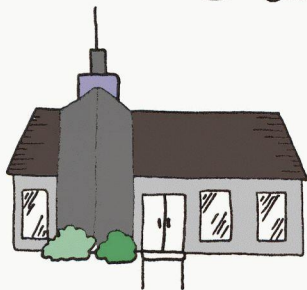
Kade

The elders teaching
Kathy



You are invited to a baptism for:

Kade Adams



Date:
Saturday, November 24, 2001

Time:
10:30 a.m.

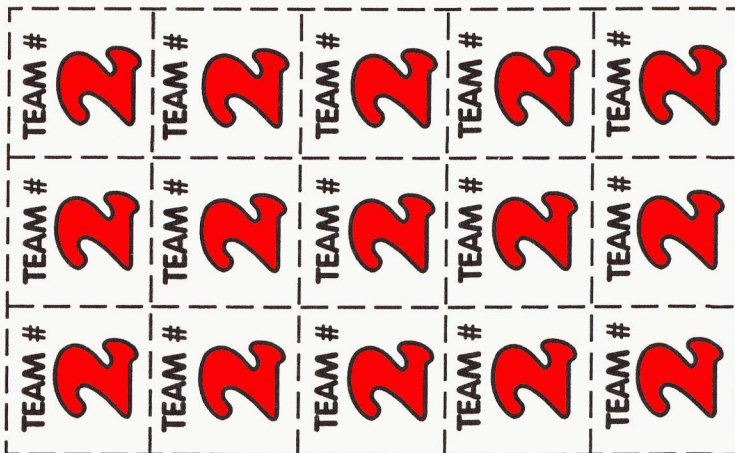
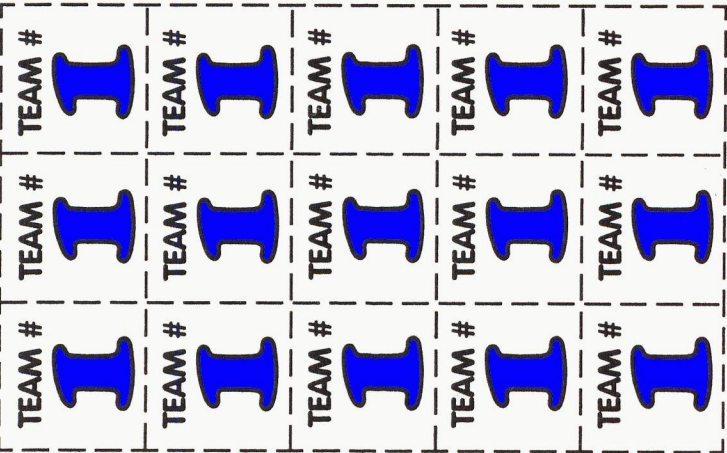
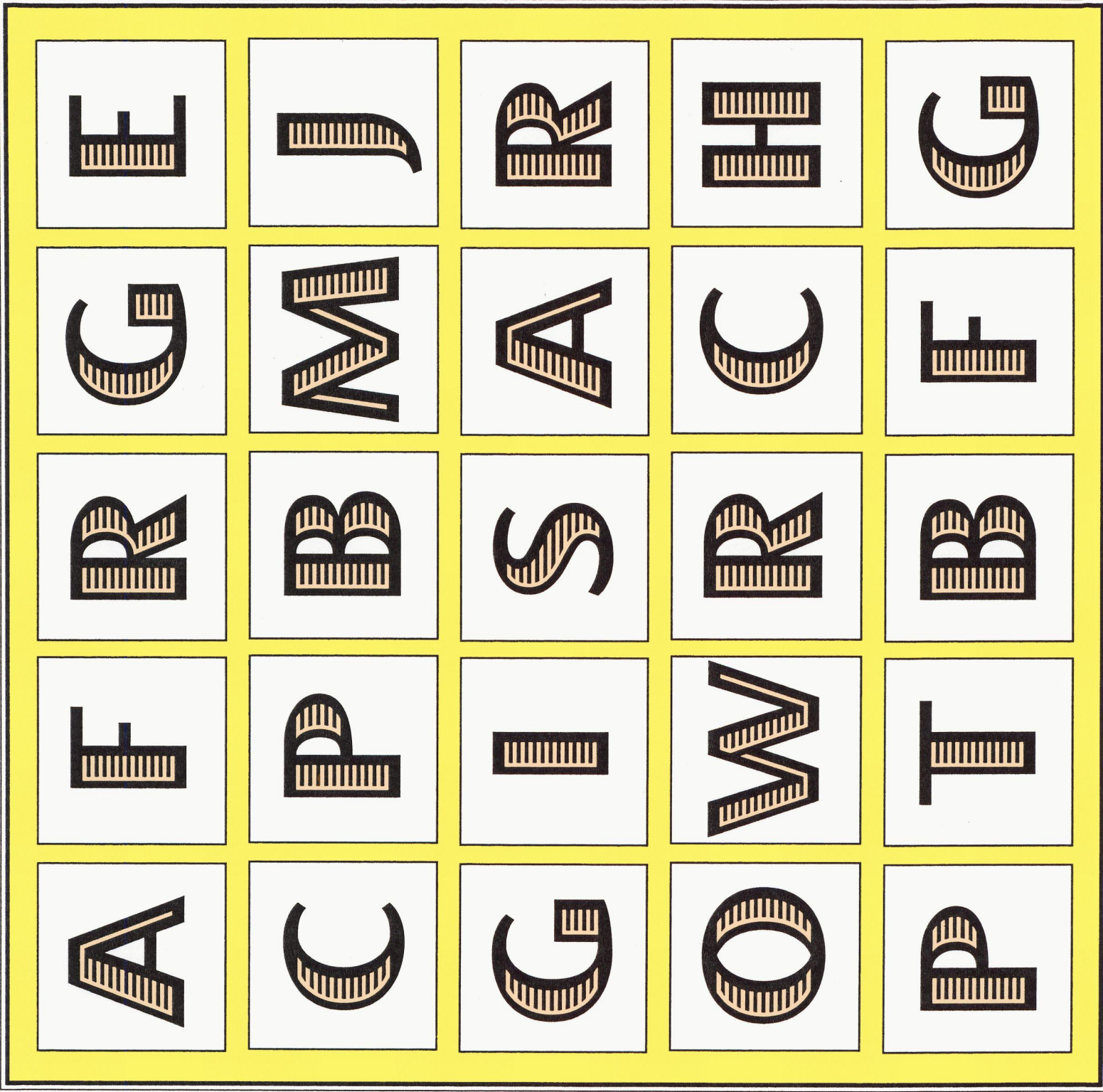
Place:
Stake Center - 415 Shady Lane

Clues for Game #1

- **I:** Baptism by dipping the whole person into water. (Immersion)
- **W:** We are to stand as a _____ at all times. (Witness)
- **A:** We are responsible for what we say and do. (Accountable)
- **A:** The lesser priesthood. (Aaronic)
- **B:** The first ordinance of the gospel. (Baptism)
- **B:** We have to receive an interview from this person. (Bishop)
- **S:** Jesus was without _____. (Sin)
- **T:** We need to gain a _____ of baptism and why we do it. (Testimony)
- **E:** Baptism is the first step towards _____ in the Celestial Kingdom. (Eternity)
- **P:** We must be baptized by someone who holds the proper _____ authority. (Priesthood)
- **P:** A _____ is a belief or teaching. (Principle)
- **M:** When we are confirmed, we become a _____ of the church. (Member)
- **R:** _____ means to turn away from sin and change your life to follow the Savior's teachings. (Repentance)
- **R:** We _____ the gift of the Holy Ghost when we are confirmed. (Receive)
- **R:** When we are brought forth out of the water, it symbolizes the _____. (Resurrection)
- **C:** A promise between you and the Lord. (Covenant)
- **C:** After we are baptized, we are _____ and pure again. (Clean)
- **O:** We are showing _____ when we are baptized. (Obedience)
- **H:** We receive this when we are confirmed. (Holy Ghost)
- **J:** Jesus was baptized by _____. (John the Baptist)
- **G:** Baptism is the first ordinance of the _____. (Gospel)
- **G:** The Holy Ghost will always give us _____. (Guidance)
- **G:** The proper name for our Heavenly Father. (God)
- **F:** Christ asks us to be baptized and come into the _____. (Fold)
- **F:** When we place our _____ in Jesus Christ, repent, and are baptized, our sins are forgiven. (Faith)

Clues for Game #2

- **I:** The bishop gives us an _____ before we are baptized. (Interview)
- **W:** "Be baptized, even in _____ in the name of mine Only Begotten Son." (Water)
- **A:** Every person who has reached eight years of _____ can be baptized. (Age)
- **A:** One must have the proper priesthood _____ to baptize someone. (Authority)
- **B:** There are many scriptures in the _____ that teach us about baptism. (Book of Mormon)
- **B:** A principle is a _____ or teaching. (Belief)
- **S:** Every Sunday we have the opportunity to partake of the _____. (Sacrament)
- **T:** We need to follow the example and _____ of Jesus Christ. (Teachings)
- **E:** Every person who has reached _____ years of age can be baptized. (Eight)
- **P:** After we are baptized, we are clean and _____ again. (Pure)
- **P:** Jesus revealed to the _____ Joseph Smith the proper way to baptize. (Prophet)
- **M:** The higher priesthood. (Melchizedek)
- **R:** Jesus said that he was baptized "to fulfill all _____. "(Righteousness)
- **R:** Another term for forgiveness. (Remission)
- **R:** When we partake of the sacrament, we are _____ our baptismal covenants. (Renewing)
- **C:** The Holy Ghost is also referred to as the _____. (Comforter)
- **C:** We make a covenant to serve God and keep his _____. (Commandments)
- **O:** Baptism is the first _____ of the gospel. (Ordinance)
- **H:** Another name for God. (Heavenly Father)
- **J:** _____ was without sin, yet he was baptized. (Jesus Christ)
- **G:** When we are confirmed, we are given the _____ of the Holy Ghost. (Gift)
- **G:** To be baptized should be everyone's first _____. (Goal)
- **G:** The Holy _____ helps us to prepare ourselves to live with God and Jesus. (Ghost)
- **F:** The _____ is filled with water for our baptism. (Font)
- **F:** Our _____ in Heaven loves us very much, and has provided this first step for us to help us return and live with him. (Father)



B

P

I

M

“P” is for the Priesthood

- We must be baptized by someone who holds the proper priesthood authority.

Question: Who holds the proper priesthood authority? (A father, brother, uncle, grandfather, bishop, home teacher, etc. who holds either the Aaronic Priesthood or the Melchizedek Priesthood.)

- There are two kinds of baptism. The first kind is **“Baptism in water.”** This ordinance can be performed by anyone holding the “lesser or Aaronic Priesthood.” This takes place when we are baptized by immersion.

The second kind of baptism is **“Baptism of the Spirit.”** This takes place when we are confirmed. This ordinance must be performed by someone who holds “the greater or Melchizedek Priesthood.”

- Read D&C 20:73

“M” is for Member

- We must be baptized so that we can become members of his church.

Question: When do we become members of his church? (When we are confirmed)

Question: What else do we receive when we are confirmed? (The gift of the Holy Ghost)

- Read D&C 20:37

“And again, by way of commandment to the church concerning the manner of baptism - All those who humble themselves before God, and desire to be baptized, and come forth with broken hearts and contrite spirits, and witness before the church that they have truly repented of all their sins, and are willing to take upon them the name of Jesus Christ, having a determination to serve him to the end, and truly manifest by their works that they have received of the Spirit of Christ unto the remission of their sins, shall be received by baptism into his church.”

“B” is for Bishop

- Before we can be baptized, the bishop gives us a worthiness interview. He makes sure that we are worthy and that we understand what baptism is and why we are to be baptized.

- Baptism is the first ordinance of the gospel. (An ordinance is a rite or ceremony)

Question: Why must we be baptized?

- Read Acts 2:38

- We must be baptized to show obedience and to wash away our sins. By being baptized, we are then able to become members of the Church, receive the gift of the Holy Ghost and if worthy, enter into the Celestial Kingdom.

- Jesus was without sin, yet he was baptized to show obedience, and “to fulfill all righteousness.” (Matthew 3:15)

“I” is for Immersion

- Baptism by immersion is the only acceptable way of being baptized.

Question: What does immersion mean? (Baptism by dipping the whole person into water.)

- Baptism by immersion is a symbol of death and resurrection. When we are submerged in the water, it symbolizes death. When we are brought forth out of the water, it symbolizes resurrection, the washing away of our sins and starting a new life.

- At the time of baptism we are clean and pure again.

(You may want to discuss any fears that the children may have about being submerged in the water at this time.)

A

T

S

B "B" is for the bishop, who gives us our baptism interview.

A "A" is for the age of accountability.

P "P" is for the priesthood

T "T" is for a testimony.

I "I" is for baptism by immersion.

S "S" is for the sacrament.

M "M" is for member.

“T” is for Testimony

- It is very important that we gain a testimony of baptism and what it means to be baptized.

- When we are baptized we are showing obedience as Jesus did when he was baptized.

- Read 2 Nephi 31: 4-7

“Wherefore, I would that ye should remember that I have spoken unto you concerning that prophet which the Lord showed unto me, that should baptize the Lamb of God, which should take away the sins of the world. And now, if the Lamb of God, he being holy, should have need to be baptized by water, to fulfil all righteousness, O then, how much more need have we, being unholy, to be baptized, yea, even by water! And now, I would ask of you, my beloved brethren, wherein the Lamb of God did fulfil all righteousness in being baptized by water? Know ye not that he was holy? But notwithstanding he being holy, he showeth unto the children of men that, according to the flesh he humbleth himself before the Father, and witnesseth unto the Father that he would be obedient unto him in keeping his commandments.”

“A” is for Age of Accountability

- The age of accountability is eight years old. At the age of eight years, we are old enough to be accountable for our own actions.

Question: What does it mean to be accountable? (It means that we are responsible for what we do and say)

- Read D&C 20:71

“No one can be received into the church of Christ unless he has arrived unto the years of accountability before God, and is capable of repentance.”

“S” is for the Sacrament

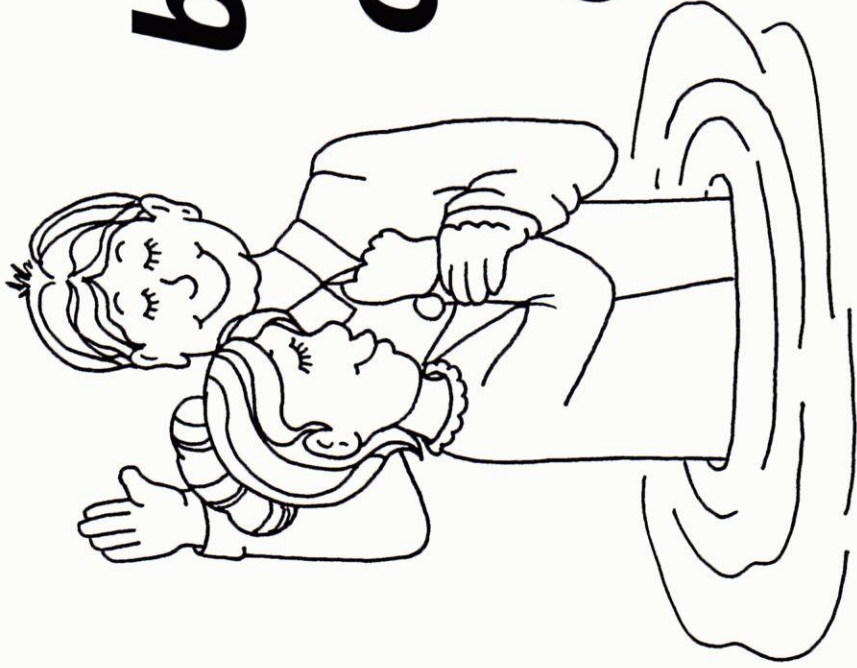
- Every Sunday, we have the opportunity to attend Sacrament meeting and partake of the Sacrament.

Question: What does the sacrament have to do with baptism? (When we partake of the sacrament each week, we are renewing the covenants we made with our Heavenly Father at the time of baptism.)

Question: What are the covenants we make when we are baptized?

- “To come into the fold of God.” (Join his church)
- “To be called his people.” (Take upon you the name of Christ)
- “To bear one another’s burdens.”
- “To mourn with those that mourn.”
- To “comfort those that stand in need of comfort.”
- “To stand as a witness of God at all times and in all things, and in all places.”
- To agree to serve God and keep his commandments.

***“Repent, and be
baptized every one
of you in the name
of Jesus Christ for
the remission of
sins, and ye shall receive the
gift of the Holy Ghost.”***



Acts 2:38