

HEY! I FOLLOW JESUS

BIBLE STORIES

Any story in which someone is baptized:

Jesus Is Baptized • Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22

Three Thousand New Christians • Acts 2:14-41

The Official from Ethiopia • Acts 8:26-40

Saul's Conversion • Acts 9:1-19

The Philippian Jailer • Acts 16:16-34

BAPTISM CERTIFICATE

MATERIALS

Bible, Baptism Certificate (p. 110 or 111), pencils, markers, construction paper, glue, ribbon, hole punch.

PREPARE THE ACTIVITY

Select a Bible story from the list provided above. Choose the Baptism Certificate page most appropriate for the writing ability of the children you teach. Make a copy of the Baptism Certificate for each child.

LEAD THE ACTIVITY

1. **This Bible story tells about a person who was baptized. Listen carefully so**

you remember as many details about that person's baptism as you can. Read or tell the Bible story. **Baptism is an important way we can show that we belong to God's family.** Read Proverbs 20:11. **What are some other ways a person can show he or she believes in God?**

2. Distribute Baptism Certificate pages, markers and pencils. **Create a Baptism Certificate for the person or people who were baptized in the Bible story. Include as many details about their baptism as you can find in the Bible. Also write an encouraging message to the newly-baptized believer.** (Adapt directions as needed if using Baptism Certificate page for younger children.)

3. Children work on certificates. Be available to help them with ideas if needed. Talk about ways to show belief in God.

4. Display completed certificates in classroom or other public area of your church.

BONUS IDEAS

- Let children take turns examining a copy of the certificate of baptism used by your church.
- Show children your own baptism certificate.
- Invite a pastor to come to your class and explain more about baptism.

A personal message of encouragement
to the newly-baptized believer:

Certificate of Baptism

On this day

_____ was baptized as an expression of
faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Place of Baptism:

Baptized by:

Witnessed by:

"We were therefore buried with him through
baptism into death in order that, just as Christ
was raised from the dead through the glory of
the Father, we too may live a new life."

Romans 6:4



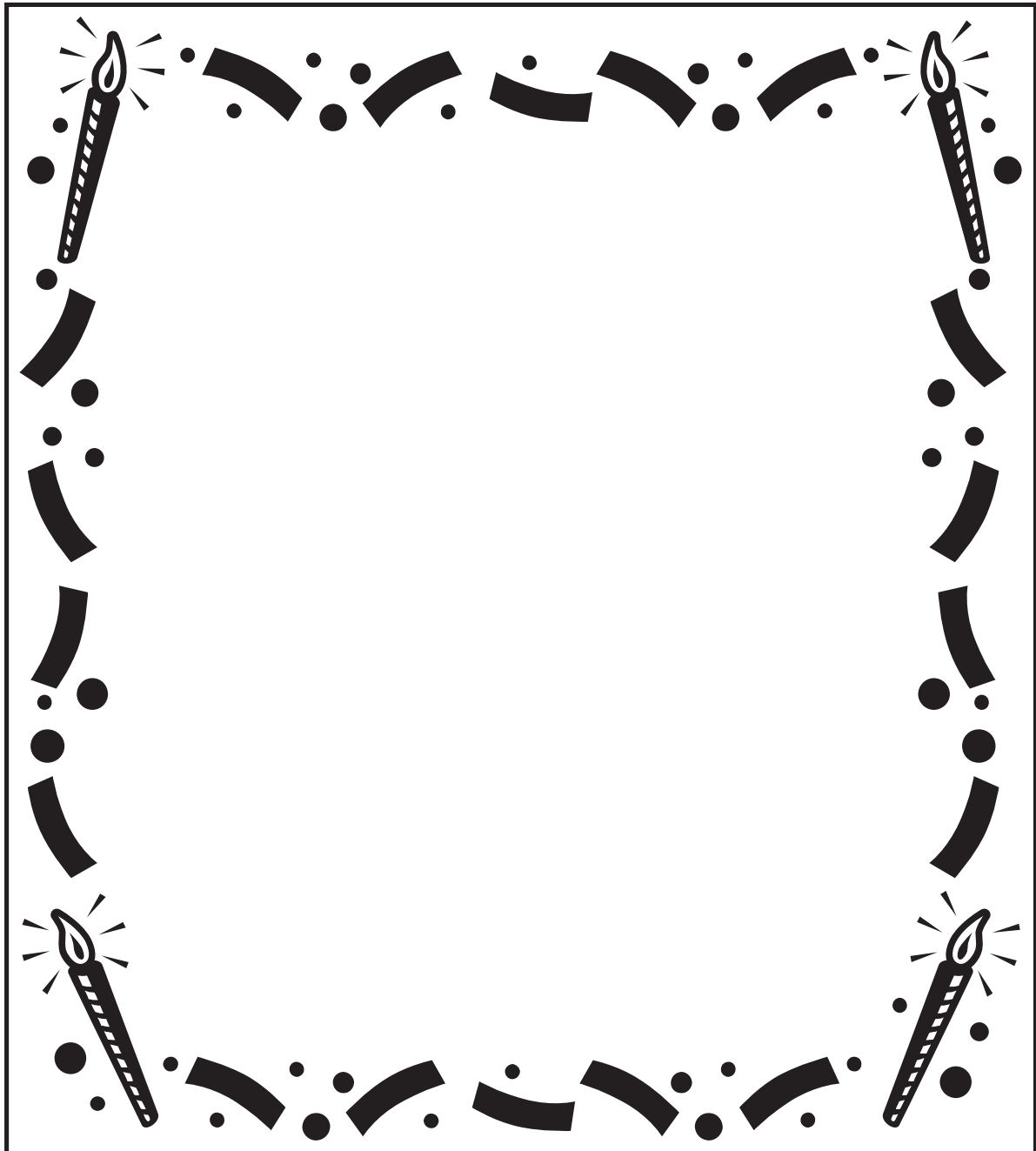
Baptism Certificate

Author's Name:

Draw a picture of the person being baptized.

Write the name of the person who was baptized underneath it.

Or you may write a sentence about the baptism.



WORDS OF FAITH

MATERIALS

Bible, large sheet of paper, marker, white construction paper, masking tape, crayons, hole punch, ribbon or yarn.

PREPARE THE ACTIVITY

Select a Bible story from the list on page 109.

LEAD THE ACTIVITY

1. **This Bible story tells about a person who was baptized.** Read or tell the Bible story. **Baptism is an important way we can show that we belong to God's family.** Read Proverbs 20:11. **What are some other ways a person can show he or she believes in God?** (Do what's right, even when others disobey. Sing praises. Pray. Read God's Word. Help others. Tell the truth. Obey God's Word.) List responses on large sheet of paper.

2. **Let's show our belief in God by making a hanging banner.** Choose one or more responses from list. Assign each child one or more letters from the words. Children form their assigned letters by lightly placing strips of masking tape on white construction paper (sketch a).

3. Using one or more colors of crayons, children draw designs or pictures on the papers, drawing over the masking tape. Children carefully peel off the masking tape to reveal the assigned letters.

4. Children punch holes in the top two corners of their papers. Place papers in order to spell out words, and thread ribbon or yarn through the holes to make a banner (sketch b). Hang banners in room.

BONUS IDEAS

- Children outline letters using specialty pens (metallic, glitter, neon, etc.).
- Decorative-edged scissors can be used to trim the edges of the pieces of white paper.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What are some of the ways you've seen kids show their belief in God? Grownups?**
- **Why do you think it's important to show that we believe in God?**
- **What are some things you could do this week to show that you believe in God?** (Take time to talk to God at the end of every day. Pray for a friend. Memorize a Bible verse.)

