

1. Watch chapter 10 from the animated Complete Learning System, *John the Baptist* DVD. (Video clip is also provided for viewing online.)

2. Sing together: Children's Songbook #100 "Baptism."

3. When we are baptized our sins are washed away and we are forgiven. Jesus was without sin, but he still came to John the Baptist to be baptized.

Why was Jesus baptized? ("And Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." [John 3:5])

4. What authority did John have to baptize Jesus? (The priesthood.)

5. How was Jesus baptized? (By immersion in the Jordan River.)

6. What does baptism by immersion mean? (To be baptized by going completely under the water.)

7. Do we need to be baptized like Jesus? (Yes.)

Following in Christ's footsteps will lead us to exaltation. Our baptism day is a special day. It is the day that we receive the first ordinance of the gospel that leads us back to our Father in Heaven. It is a happy day that *should always be remembered*. During the Saturday Afternoon Session of the April 2007 General Conference, Thomas S. Monson recalled, "When I was eight years of age my mother talked with me about repentance and about the meaning of baptism...I dressed in white and was baptized. I remember that day as though it were yesterday and the happiness I felt at having had this ordinance performed." *Thomas S. Monson* © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

8. Ask a family member to share memories of their baptism day.

9. How can going to church help us remember our baptism day? (We renew our baptismal covenants when we partake of the sacrament. Discuss the things we should be thinking about and how we should act during the sacrament.)

10. What is a covenant? (A covenant is a two way promise. When you make a covenant with Heavenly Father, you agree to do certain things and He agrees to do certain things.)

11. What is the covenant we make at Baptism?

(We promise to take upon ourselves the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and always remember Him and keep His commandments.)

12. What does Heavenly Father promise if we keep our part of the Baptismal Covenant?

(Heavenly Father promises to give us that we will have His spirit to be with us, to forgive us when we repent and to let us live with Him again forever.)

Quote:

"Baptism is the beginning of a new life for each one of us, a life of purpose."

Dwan J. Young, Ensign, Nov 1984 © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.