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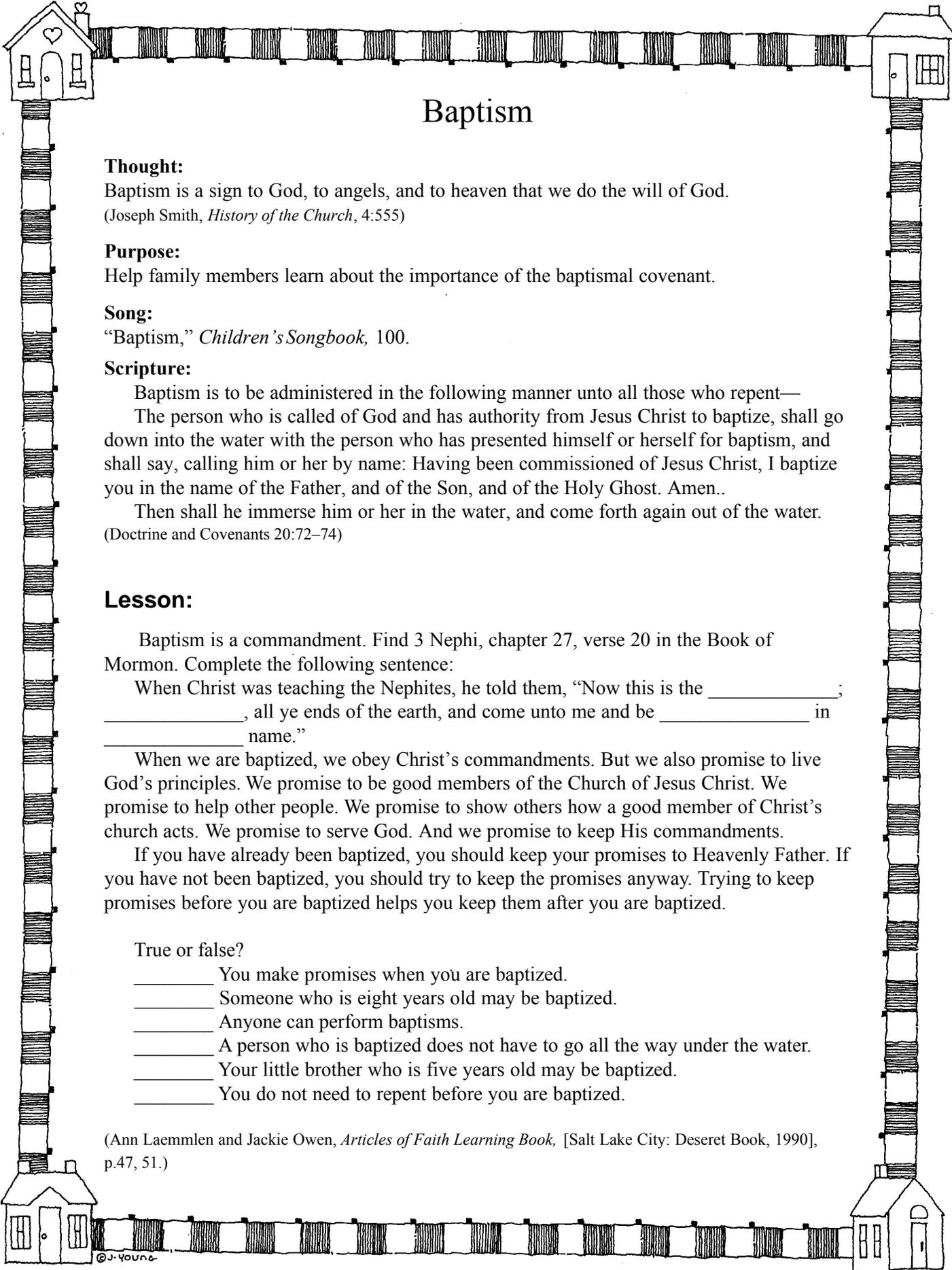
Family Home Evening Materials

Theme: Baptism

Packet #080404

### **5 tips for successful Family Home Evenings**

- 1. Pray.** Pray about the needs of your family as you consider topics for home evenings, and pray as you prepare.
- 2. Prioritize.** Make Family Home Evening a priority; learn to say no to other activities.
- 3. Involvement.** Involve everyone in the family; help little children take part.
- 4. Commitment.** Be committed and be consistent. Set a designated time and stick to it. Holding Family Home Evening on a weekly basis takes dedication and planning on the part of all family members.
- 5. Relax** and enjoy it. The most important thing your children will remember is the spirit they feel in your family home evenings and activities. Be sure the atmosphere is one of love, understanding, and enjoyment.



# Baptism

**Thought:**

Baptism is a sign to God, to angels, and to heaven that we do the will of God.  
(Joseph Smith, *History of the Church*, 4:555)

**Purpose:**

Help family members learn about the importance of the baptismal covenant.

**Song:**

“Baptism,” *Children’s Songbook*, 100.

**Scripture:**

Baptism is to be administered in the following manner unto all those who repent—

The person who is called of God and has authority from Jesus Christ to baptize, shall go down into the water with the person who has presented himself or herself for baptism, and shall say, calling him or her by name: 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 shall he immerse him or her in the water, and come forth again out of the water.  
(Doctrine and Covenants 20:72–74)

**Lesson:**

Baptism is a commandment. Find 3 Nephi, chapter 27, verse 20 in the Book of Mormon. Complete the following sentence:

When Christ was teaching the Nephites, he told them, “Now this is the \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_, all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ name.”

When we are baptized, we obey Christ’s commandments. But we also promise to live God’s principles. We promise to be good members of the Church of Jesus Christ. We promise to help other people. We promise to show others how a good member of Christ’s church acts. We promise to serve God. And we promise to keep His commandments.

If you have already been baptized, you should keep your promises to Heavenly Father. If you have not been baptized, you should try to keep the promises anyway. Trying to keep promises before you are baptized helps you keep them after you are baptized.

True or false?

- \_\_\_\_\_ You make promises when you are baptized.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Someone who is eight years old may be baptized.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Anyone can perform baptisms.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A person who is baptized does not have to go all the way under the water.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your little brother who is five years old may be baptized.
- \_\_\_\_\_ You do not need to repent before you are baptized.

(Ann Laemmlen and Jackie Owen, *Articles of Faith Learning Book*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1990], p.47, 51.)

## Story:

### George's Birthday Present

George was a little boy who lived in Salt Lake City. At that time the temple had not yet been completed and there were few meeting houses. When boys and girls became eight years old, they were baptized in nearby streams or ponds. All the Cannon children were baptized on their eighth birthday in the Jordan River, which ran near their grandfather's home.

A few weeks before George was to be eight years old, he became very ill with typhoid fever. When his birthday came, George was still too weak to walk. At first, both Father and Mother said they thought he was not well enough to be baptized on his birthday. However, the boy insisted.

"Please Father," he begged, "take me to the Jordan River in your buggy. If you will carry me down to the river to be baptized, I know I'll be able to walk out afterward by myself."

Father and Mother looked at the eager face of their little boy. They could not question the faith of this child who had been so sick.

It was a beautiful morning, warm and sunny. Father brought the horse and buggy around to the front door. He carried George to it and tucked a light blanket around George's legs. Mother climbed in beside him, and the family drove to the Jordan River.

George J. Cannon often told about the feeling of strength that spread through him after he came up out of the water of baptism: "I walked from the river and ran to the buggy," he would say. "This was a moment I can never forget."

(Lucile C. Reading, *Shining Moments: Stories for Latter-day Saint Children*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1985], p. 17–18.)

## Activity:

Show your family the picture of Alma baptizing at the Waters of Mormon (In a paperback copy of the Book of Mormon or use Gospel Art Picture Kit, no. 309). If the picture is not available, you may consider having your family read Mosiah 18:1–7 and draw a picture of what they think this scene would have looked like. Discuss ways this picture shows the importance of baptism to these people.

On a sheet of paper make two columns. Label one column "I Covenant," and the other "That I May." As you read Mosiah 18:8–10, have a family member list what we covenant to do at baptism and what we will receive of the Lord if we keep our covenants. Ask how Alma's people felt about the covenants they made with the Lord. (See Mosiah 18:11.) How will keeping our covenants show the Lord how we feel about our baptism? Discuss as a family ways they can mourn with, comfort, share a witness with, or bear the burdens of another person, especially other family members. Challenge them to do a specific service this week and then later report how it made them feel.

(Dennis H. Leavitt and Richard O. Christensen, *Scripture Study for Latter-day Saint Families: The Book of Mormon*, [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2003], p. 135–136.)

## Extras:

- Look at a picture of Christ's baptism and review what happened at that time.
- Discuss your family name and how you should keep it unspotted. Compare to taking Christ's name upon us.

## Refreshment

### Danish Kringle

#### Dough

1 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup butter  
2 tablespoons water

#### Topping

1/2 cup butter  
1 cup water  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
3 eggs  
sliced almonds, for garnish

#### Glaze

2 cups powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
3 to 4 tablespoons cream,  
half-and-half, or canned milk

Preheat oven to 350°. Place flour and butter in a mixing bowl and cut together until the size of small peas. Sprinkle with the water and mix together. Divide the dough into two equal parts; flatten into rectangles (about 4 inches wide and 15 inches long) on an ungreased cookie sheet. Make the rectangles as even as possible. Set aside while you make the topping.

Combine butter and water in a small saucepan and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and add almond extract, flour, and salt. Stir with a wooden spoon until the dough leaves the edge of the pan and forms a ball. Add one egg at a time, completely incorporating egg after each addition. (Use a wooden spoon or spatula to stir; do not use a mixer.) Divide in half and spread evenly on the 2 rectangles of dough. Bake for 50 minutes or until light brown. (The topping will rise unevenly.) Cool slightly, then drizzle powdered sugar glaze on top and sprinkle with sliced almonds.

To make glaze, mix together powdered sugar, almond extract, and cream. You may need to adjust the amount of cream depending on the brand of powdered sugar you use. (Glaze should run slowly through a fork when scooped up.)

Cut Danish kringle in slices about 1 1/2 to 2 inches wide, depending on how many servings you need. This is a very light dessert. Makes 12 servings.

(*Lion House Entertaining*, [Salt Lake City: Eagle Gate, 2001], p.130.)



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