BAPTISM GUIDE

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A GUIDE TO HELP CHILDREN THROUGH THEIR JOURNEY TO BAPTISM

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WHY BAPTISM? OVERVIEW

There are a number of reasons why some might choose to be baptised. Here are 4 reasons people might choose.

1. Jesus did it
2. Jesus said His disciples should do it
3. It's a way of showing that we are taking our place in God's family
4. It's a way of showing on the outside what is happening on the inside

Which of these reasons stands out the most to you?

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JESUS DID IT!

When we know Jesus for ourselves and we discover that He really knows and loves us, it is the very best thing! We want to be with Him; we want to know more about Him, we want to be more like Him and we want to do the things that He did.

At that time Jesus came from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the place where John was. John baptised Jesus in the Jordan River. When Jesus was coming up out of the water, He saw heaven open. The Holy Spirit came down on Him like a dove. A voice came from heaven and said: "You are my Son and I love you. I am very pleased with you."
Mark 1:9-11

Jesus is the perfect example. Jesus chose to be baptised. This might be why we choose to be baptised too!

Use this space to answer the following questions

- When did you realise that Jesus knows & loves you? How did it feel? How did it change your life?

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JESUS SAID HIS DISCIPLES SHOULD DO IT.

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After Jesus had died and rose again, He spent time meeting people, proving that He was alive again and preparing them as He was going to return to Heaven. Jesus wasn't going to leave them on their own, He promised the Holy Spirit would be with them. The day finally came for Jesus to return to Heaven. His last words were important.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age"
Matthew 28: 18-20

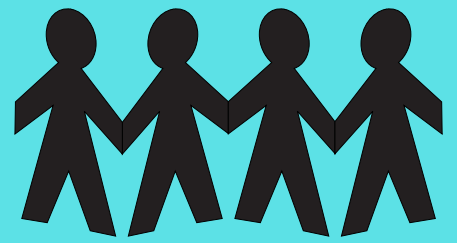Jesus was telling His disciples to help others to know and follow Him and then baptise them.

Use this space to answer the following questions

- Have you ever seen anyone get baptised? Maybe you've seen a friend, parent or relative.
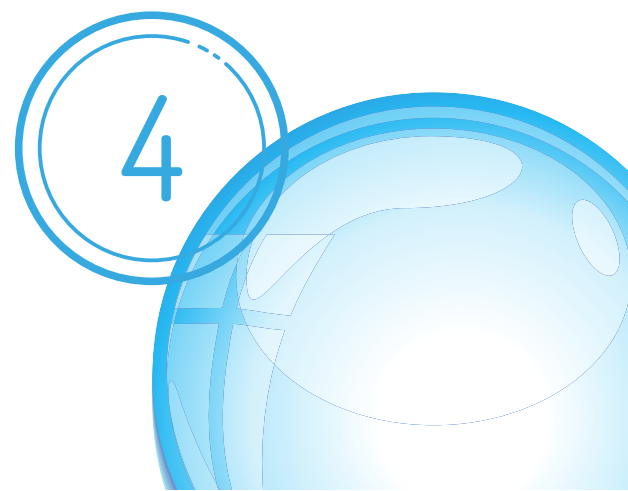- Find someone who has been baptised & ask them about their baptism!

WHY BAPTISM?

IT'S A WAY OF SHOWING THAT WE ARE TAKING OUR PLACE IN GOD'S FAMILY.

Being part of God's family is amazing! There are people of all ages, who speak all sorts of languages, who come from all sorts of backgrounds, who are good at all sorts of different things - God invites everyone to join his family. In God's family we are loved by Him, and we are learning to love one another. God's family is growing - and we are welcomed into it! When someone is baptised they are showing that they accept God's invitation and are taking their place in God's family.

Use this space to answer the following questions

- Who is your church family?
- How has being part of a church family changed your life?

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WHY BAPTISM?

IT'S A WAY OF SHOWING ON THE OUTSIDE WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE INSIDE.

Sometimes it's hard to find words to describe to others what is happening in our thinking, in our hearts and in our spirit.

When God is at work in us - what He often does is hard to describe with words. Sometimes the things we do (outside) helps others to see what God is doing in our thinking, hearts and spirit (inside). Baptism is a way to show outside, what is happening inside.

What is happening inside that we want to show?

We show that Jesus has helped us to repent. Repenting means to 'turn around'. We turn around - away from sin and towards Jesus. As we step into the waters we are showing that our sin is 'washed away' by Jesus.

We show that because of Jesus, we are leaving our old life (without Jesus) behind and beginning a new life (with Jesus) Our new life lasts forever. In baptism, as we go under the water, we are dying to our old life, and when we come up out of the water we are rising to our new life.
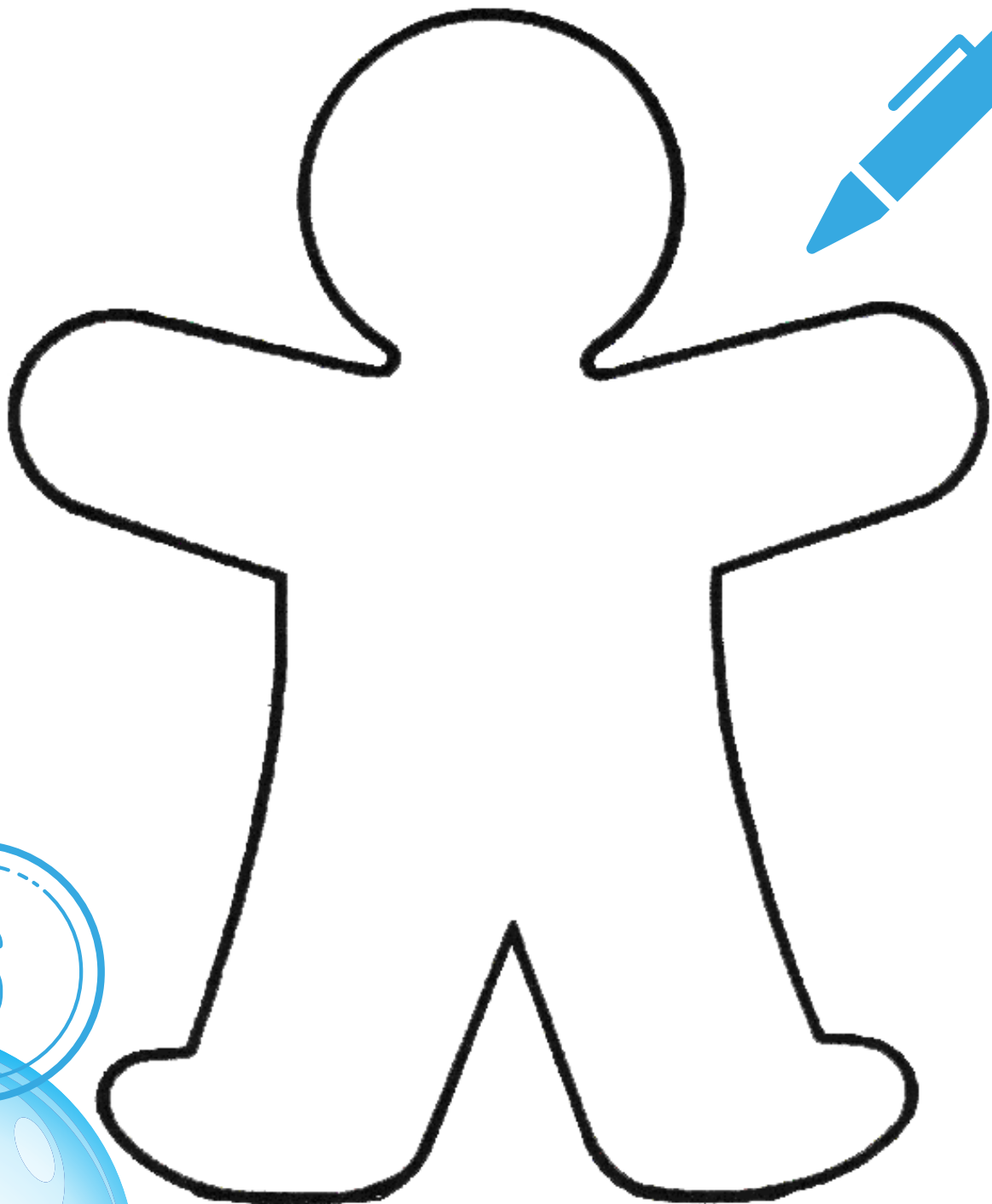
"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" - Romans 6: 3-4

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WHY BAPTISM?

IT'S A WAY OF SHOWING ON THE OUTSIDE WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE INSIDE.

Write ways that Jesus has changed your life inside the person outline

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MY STORY

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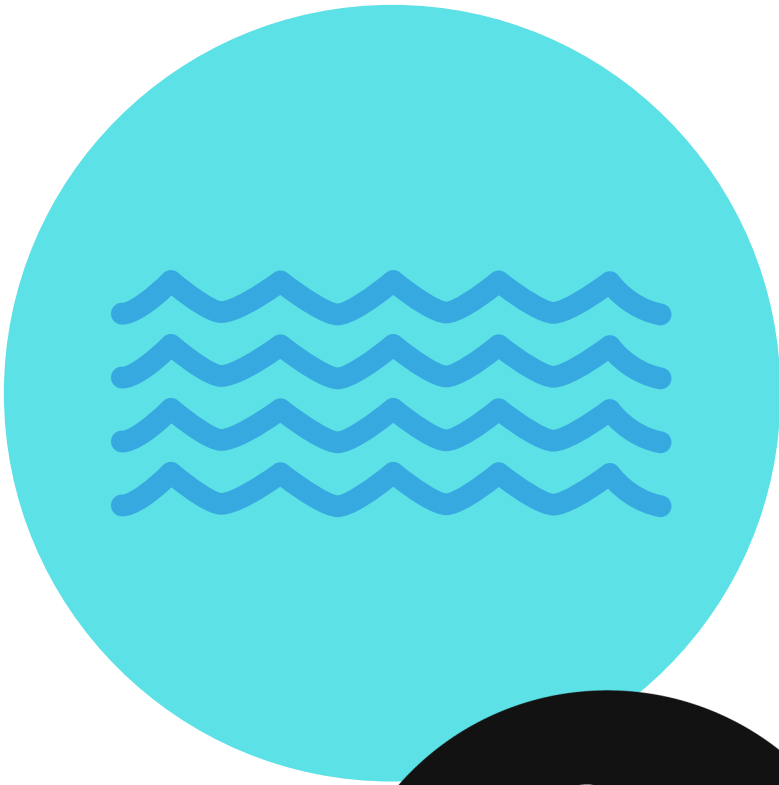
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WHAT'S NEXT?

When we know Jesus for ourselves and we discover that He really knows and loves us, it is the very best thing! We want to be with Him; we want to know more about Him, we want to be more like Him and we want to do the things that He did.

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SO WHAT HAPPENS ON BAPTISM DAY?

- You'll be invited to share your story of how Jesus has changed your life, on the stage infront of all your friends, family, and church family.
- You'll be walked down into the baptism pool and two members of the Kids team will be there waiting to welcome you, pray for you, give you words of encouragement, and finally say the following *"We gladly baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit"*
- You will then close your eyes, and be slowly lowered into the pool (the water is warm). When you come out, your loved ones will be there waiting for you with a big towel, and everyone will be cheering!
- During our baptism services there will be worship and photos taken of your big day.

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