Key Thought: Baptism is a fundamental doctrine! Baptism must never become just a ritual of the church, or something we just do. You, the teacher, must believe this and transfer it to your students!

**Key Information Page**

Key Verse: There are so many verses in this lesson it would be hard for us writers to pick only one. Let this be a reminder to you the teacher that this is not a small obscure doctrine of the Bible, but the Power unto Salvation!

Key Teaching Point: We believe it’s good to take the things that might confuse the children later and make them plain today rather than avoid them. This is why this lesson on Jesus’ baptism is a Bible teaching lesson rather than a Bible story. You can make a power point presentation out of it, write on whiteboard, or just teach it, but get it deep down in your heart.

Key Materials: A carpet square or remnant, ink, or something to spill on the carpet, a doll and a small tub, power point or white board for your story part of the lessons, birth certificate.

Key of making it your own: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism**

**Level 3 Lesson 17**

**There is only one way to be baptized!**

**Praise God and it’s in Jesus’ precious name!**

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**Sorry is Not Enough**

Bring in a carpet remnant and spill something on it. Then say, “You spill ink on someone’s carpet. You can tell them Oh NO!!! I am so, so sorry!! Please forgive me! You said you are sorry, and really meant it, and they may say they forgive you. But the stain is still there. You need it washed away. You can repent and tell God you’re sorry, and really mean it. He will forgive you, but until you have been baptized in Jesus Name for the remission of your sins, they are not washed away.”

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**Model/ Demonstrate**

No matter where these children go in this life, they should always have it settled in their minds how to be baptized. You need a baby doll of some kind (not a Barbie, they are inappropriate) and a foot washing size tub. Demonstrate plugging the nose and repeat what the pastor says about being baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins.

Let volunteers come up and do the same.

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**Sing The Verse**

We have a fun way to do our verses today we are going to sing them! Depending on the size of your class as to how many verses you need and how many students in each group. Divide up your students into groups of between 2 and 4. Give them a verse and have them put a tune to their verse. Tell them fast or slow, it doesn’t matter. Make up a simple tune or put the verse to a tune they know (like Old McDonald etc.). Give them a short period of time in their little groups and then get up one group at a time and sing their verse.

Baptism verses:

*Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, 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 8:16(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)*

*Acts 10:47Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?*

*Acts 10:48And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.*

*Acts 19:5When they heard this; they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

*Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*

*Rom 6:3Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*

*Gal 3:27For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

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**Jesus the perfect example**

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*Matt 3:13-4:1 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove , and lighting upon him:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

Who is the greatest example to us? Answer: Jesus!

Jesus asked John the Baptist to baptize him. Jesus didn’t have any sin that was forgiven and needed to be washed away, but as an example to us, just as Jesus prayed, he was baptized. In the Bible we see the words “Son” and “Father” a lot. They can be interchanged with “flesh” and “Spirit.” When you see the word Son of God, it can also be read Flesh of God. When you see “Father” you can also read it the Spirit of God. For we know that God is one! Born of a woman (flesh that we see, Jesus Christ), and God (The Spirit John 3:2 for no man can do these miracles that thou doest).

When Jesus was baptized, he was just starting his earthly ministry. Most of the Jews didn’t believe he was the Messiah, God come in flesh. What was going to happen to get the people’s attention?

The heavens opened up!! Wow! Can you imagine the blue skies parting? Was it white or black, do you think? Down came the Spirit in the form like a dove.

The Spirit descended, not in the shape of an eagle, which is a royal bird, that’s a bird of prey, but in the shape of a dove, there is no creature more harmless and inoffensive. Such was the Spirit of Christ. He descended on him like a dove; whether it was a real, living dove, or the representation of a dove, is uncertain. If there must be a bodily shape (Luke 3:22), none was more fitting than the shape of one of the fowls of heaven (heaven being now opened)

The dove was the only fowl that was offered in sacrifice (Lev 1:14), and Christ offered himself without spot.

“And lighting upon Him.”

*Isa 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,*

*Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me;*

These are prophesies in Isaiah being fulfilled when Jesus was baptized!

*17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

God wanted them to know that He had come in the flesh. Again, using interchangeable words: This is my beloved flesh, in whom I am well pleased.

The Almighty God of heaven and earth came in flesh to be the sacrifice for our sins. Our example, Jesus!

Everyone that was ever baptized in the Book of Acts were all baptized in water, in the name of Jesus.

*Acts 2:38-39Then Peter said unto them, 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.39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

*Mark 16:17He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

There was no need to say “he that believeth not and is not baptized shall be damned” because if you won’t believe you cannot go further with God.

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**Making it official**

Bring in a birth certificate from home. Show the students when someone is born, they are given a name, and it is put on the birth certificate as their official name. When you are born again of the water you take on His name and officially become His child. Don’t let this lesson go by without asking the children if they want to be baptized and become His child. Children are not too young especially if they have received the Holy Ghost to be baptized.