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OBEYING THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

There are two church activities that we do because Jesus lives in our life. They are BAPTISM and COMMUNION.

BAPTISM

Being **baptized** is an important step once you have accepted Christ into your life. Christ was baptized as an example and has asked you to be **baptized** also. Open up your Bible and read Matthew 3:13 - 17 to learn about when Jesus was **baptized**.

Being **Baptized** is being obedient to God and it pleases Him! To help you understand more about what **baptism** means, you will see each letter in the word **BAPTISM** with further explanation.



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Baptism cannot get you into heaven

We can only get to heaven through our belief and faith in Jesus. Read Ephesians 2:8-9 and write down, in your own words, how we get to heaven.

A

Act of obedience

When we are baptized, we are obeying the commandment Jesus gave His disciples. Read what Jesus told them in Matthew 28:19.

Does baptism come before or after we become a follower of Christ? _____

P

Picture of Christ's death, burial and resurrection

Read Colossians 2:12. Baptism is like painting a picture for everyone to see. It is a picture of Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

Standing in the water is a picture of Christ dying on the _____
Going under water is a picture of Christ being _____ in the tomb.
Coming up out of the water is a picture of Christ being _____
on the third day.



Tells others that you have a new life in Christ

You are **baptized** in front of people to show others that you have made a commitment to follow Christ, and that your life is not the same anymore. Read Romans 6:4. Who's power can help you live a new life in Christ?



Identifies you with Christ



When you wear a baseball hat or a school T-shirt, you are telling everyone that you are loyal to a team or belong to that school. When you are **baptized**, you are telling everyone that you are on God's team and that you belong to Him! According to Romans 6:3, who are you identifying with when you are **baptized**?

*Or do you not know that as many of us as were
baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?*

Romans 6:3 (NKJV)



Symbol of your belief in Christ

Did you know that **baptism** is a symbol? **Baptism** is an outward symbol of an inward commitment. Here is an example:

Some people, when they are married, get each other rings. They wear these rings as a symbol of their commitment to each other. Now here's a question for you: if they were to take off their rings, would they still be married?

Yes! Why? Because the ring is only a symbol of their commitment. **Baptism** is like that ring. It's a symbol- a symbol of your new relationship with Jesus.



I passed on to you what I received. And this was the most important: that Christ died for our sins, as the scriptures say; that he was buried and was raised to life on the third day as the scriptures say.

1 Corinthians 15: 3-4 (ICB)

The Bible reminds us in these verses that Christ died for our sins, was buried and then raised again on the third day. How is **baptism** a symbol of this?

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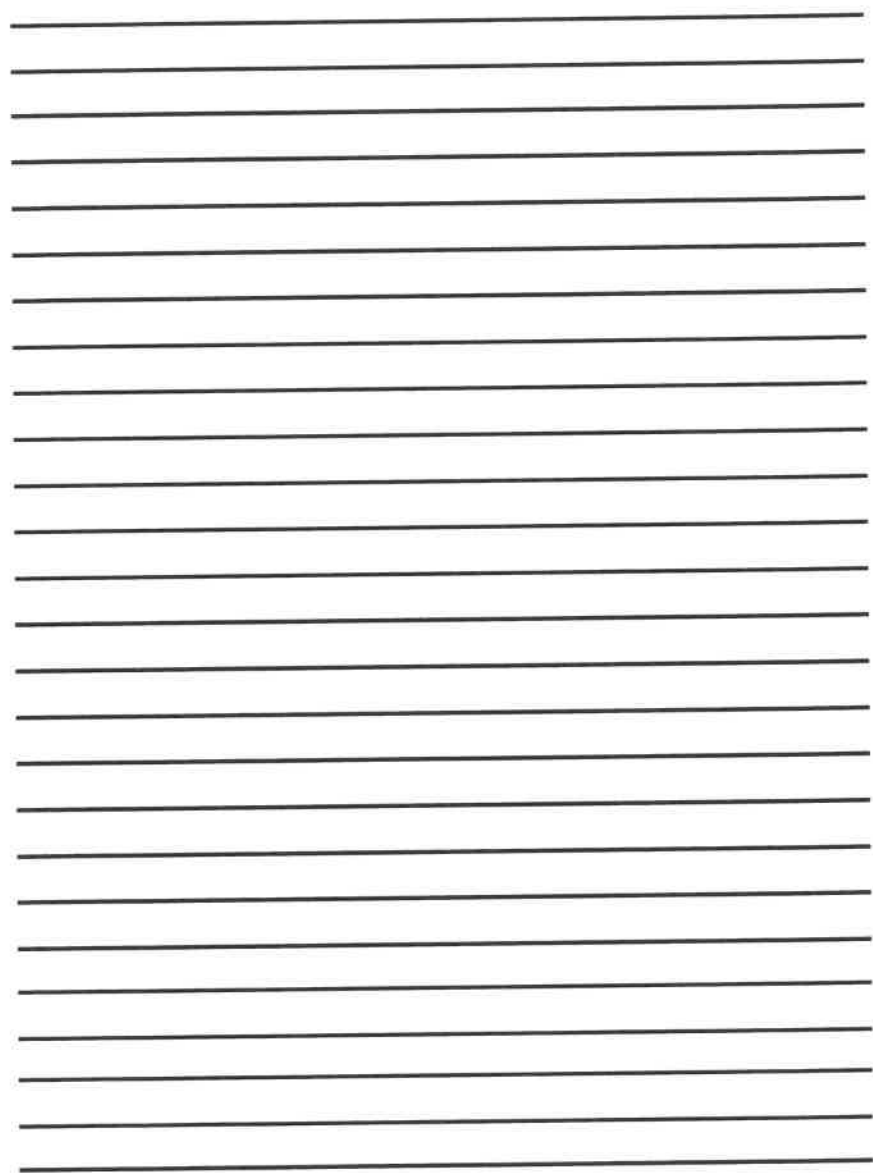
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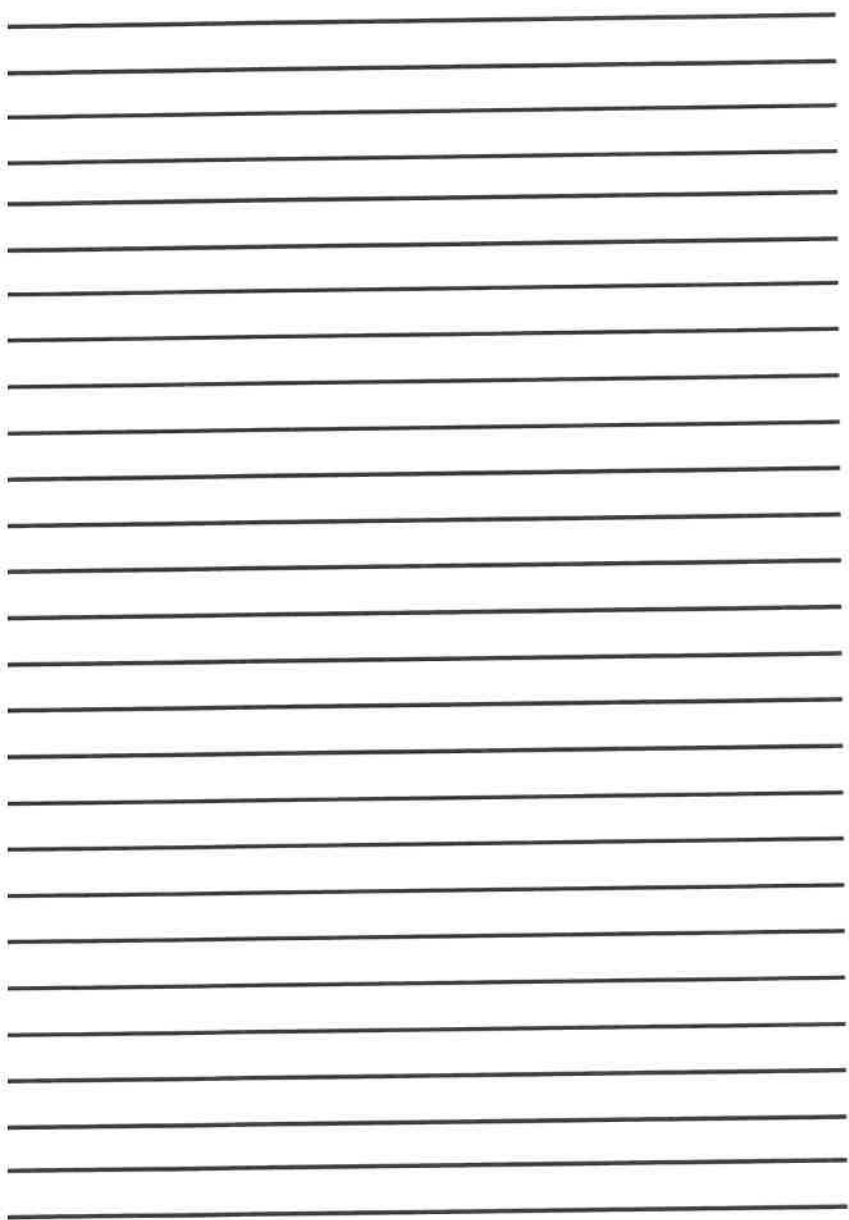
Did you know that the word "**baptize**" means "**to dip under water**"? According to Matthew 3:16 what did Jesus do right after He was baptized?

Then Jesus, when he had been baptized, came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

When you are being **baptized**, remember the picture you are showing everyone who is watching. Those who have already accepted Jesus Christ will be happy about your decision. To those who have not accepted Jesus, it will be a testimony of what you believe! Maybe if they see you being **baptized**, they will start asking questions about Jesus and will accept him as well!







Baptism

Date I was baptized:

Where I was baptized:

Who baptized me:

Draw or glue a picture of yourself
at your baptism

