

Large Group

Baptism Sunday!

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story. Model what baptism is like by baptizing the Barbie doll in the provided tub of water.

Here are some questions to help you formulate this time.

1. **What do we do that separates us from God?** Sin.
2. **What is sin? What are some examples of sin?**
3. **Does God still love us even when we sin?** Yes, God still loves us, but he hates the sin. The consequence of sin is death and separation from God forever.
4. **Who did God send to take the punishment we deserve for our sin?** Jesus
5. **How did Jesus take our punishment?** He lived a perfect life, but since the consequence of sin is death and separation from God, Jesus died in our place and was buried but rose again, coming back to life. (Remember this imagery for baptism later, maybe use some of the hand motions from “Lord I Lift Your Name On High” to help the kids remember)

6. **After you hear the good news about Jesus and decide they want to receive His rescue, we should repent and believe. What does “repent” mean?** Repent means we realized we messed up and need God to forgive us. So, we start obeying Jesus instead. (Maybe talk about some examples of what that could look like at home, school, etc...)
7. **What does the Bible say we can do after we repent and believe to show the world that we are now followers of Jesus?** Get baptized!
8. **What happens when a person gets baptized?** The person goes under water (much like when Jesus went into the grave) to symbolize they are laying down their old life and then come back out (just like Jesus came out of the grave) symbolizing they are ready for the new life God promises.
9. **Is life perfect after you get baptized?** No, because only Jesus is perfect. Bad things still happen and people might still make wrong choices.
10. **Do you need to be baptized or saved again if you keep sinning?** No, we can remember that Jesus still loves us and we can always ask God to forgive us. He always will!
11. **Since Jesus loves us and will keep forgiving us does that mean we should keep sinning over and over again on purpose?** NO! We are to love and follow Jesus. To keep sinning like that isn't loving and following Jesus, but loving and following sin

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Colossians 2:12-13 NLT (displayed on the slide)

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Worship Song 4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.