

Skit "Outta the Mouths of Babies"

Setting the Stage:

Gather baby costumes. (Encourage the characters to wear night gowns or shirts and a bonnet with bottles, pacifiers and/or rattles, etc.)

Position the baptismal font in the center of your stage area. Place two stools next to it where the characters will sit.

Cast: One male and one female youth or adult to portray two babies

Script:

Girl: Hi.

Boy: Hi there, what are you doing here? Do you come here often?

Girl: Well, I'm here to be baptized; it's my first time how about you?

Boy: Yup, baptized. My whole family is being baptized at the same time. My mom and dad and my big sister. The pastor said something about being washed. I just hope I don't get soap in my eyes.

Girl: Your whole family is gettin' baptized at the same time? Isn't there some sort of age limit on this baptism thing?

Boy: Nope. Pastor said that anyone can get baptized nine days, nine years or 90 years, and once is for always. You never even have to get a booster shot, 'cuz it isn't something that just happens once. It stays with you every day in your life.

Girl: Hey, that's a good deal. I hate those booster shots. But that "every day for the rest of your life thing," well...there is only one thing I do every day and I think that I just "do" it.

Boy: Ew, I think you "doed" it too! But it's not like THAT. Baptism affects how you live your life, 'cording to the pastor. Baptism means that you're part of the God family.

Girl: Not me! I'm a Johnson. Grammom even says I looks like a Johnson!

Boy: That shows how much you knows. You can be a Johnson and a part of the God family. There are lots of people in lots of families that is part of the God family. Like the Lees and the Hernandezes, and the Schwartzendrubers, they're all part of the God family. But they don't all look the same. The only way you can tell is they got a invisible cross on their forehead.

Girl: Wow, you are pretty smart about this baptism thing. I'm just a baby, I don't know all this stuff.

Boy: Well, I'm just a baby too. But I listened when they told my sister about being part of the God family. The pastor said that being a part of the God family means we all gots a job to do. Some of us will be teachers, and some of us will make the coffee or Lutheran jello, and some of us will sing in the choir or hang out in the nursery. And Pastor says my sister gets to be in something called youth group.

Girl: What's youth group?

Boy: Don't know. But that pastor seemed pretty excited about it. You know what else he/she was excited about?

Girl: What?

Boy: Study, and Serve, and Worship, and Pray, and Encourage, and Give, and Invite. We is supposed to do all these things at home and at school and at work and wherever else they take us!

Girl: Do you think we'll remember them all? They sound pretty important.

Boy: Yup, the pastor called 'em Faith Practices and he/she said that this church and our families and lots of other people in the God family help each other so that we can all grow up to be real live disciples of Jesus.

Girl: Disciples?

Boy: I think that is another name for people in the God family.

Girl: Do you think that everyone in the God family is a disciple?

Boy: I don't know!

Girl: Maybe it's just the ones who live like that invisible cross isn't invisible.

Boy: Shhh, I think that it's time now. It's going to happen.

Girl: Hey, hey, what's that guy (lady) doing? He's (she's) pouring water on my head! Hey he's (she's) doing it again and again! Oh, here comes the cross part! I can feel it. Can you see it?

Boy: I don't see it, but I know it's there. Don't worry, that's the baptism thing! Now you is a child of God! Gloria Rose, child of God that's who you are.

Girl: Yup, now he's pouring the water on your mom. Now she's part of the God family, too! What happens next, after we becomes part of the God family?

Boy: That's when the real fun begins! We gets to read Bible stories and pray and go to worship and sing and then we gets to go to Sunday school and learn about what it means that we are a part of the God family.

Girl: Look, look, they is done with your dad and your sister, now it's your turn. One, two, three splash- es of water! Yeah! You's part of the God family too! But, hey, I have one more question.

Boy: What is it?

Girl: What's a pastor?

Boy: *(Points to the pastor)* That's the one in the white sleeper without the footies!

Girl: Ohhh!

Stir us to deeper discipleship. . .

. . .as we embrace our baptisms and celebrate them each day

A little girl asked her mother as they were leaving church one day, "Does it ever wash off?"

She went on to describe the event in the rite of Holy Baptism when the pastor places the sign of the cross on the person's forehead.

"No, it never washes off," assured her mother. "In fact, even though you can't see it, it's our job to try to make it visible to others in the things we say and do."

"What's it all supposed to mean, anyway?"

"It means that we belong to God's family and want to live like we're glad we do!"

"Like belonging to this church because we like it?"

"Well," said the mom, "it's more about God loving us so much that God made it possible for us to know God's love and forgiveness in our hearts and lives every minute of every day!"

"Do you believe it, Mom?"

"I sure do," she said, "but I need you to help me."

"So do I!"

Just like our initial birth-days, baptism may seem like a one time event. But it has a lasting effect upon our lives!

TRY THIS!!! Keep a small bowl of water on your kitchen table to make the sign of the cross on your forehead to celebrate the meaning of your baptism each and every day!

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—Galatians 3:26-27