

Baptism Discovery Bible Study for Kids

Preparation:

To make it hands on for the kids, grab the following items ahead of time (they could help you make it for fun):

- bunch of unused glowsticks (one per person plus an extra representing Jesus)
- 2 sticks tied into a cross
- rocks/dirt to create a tomb with something to roll in front of the entrance
- bowl of water

Discovery Bible Study with kids:

1. What can we say thank you to God about today? (Praise Him as a family)
2. What has been hard/difficult for each of us lately? (Pray about it as a family)
3. Read the passage together a few times.

‘Did you forget that all of us became part of Christ when we were baptized? We shared his death in our baptism. So when we were baptized, we were buried with Christ and shared his death. We were buried with him so that we could live a new life, just as Christ was raised from death by the wonderful power of the Father.’ - Romans 6:3-4 (International Children's Bible)

4. Use the items you prepared beforehand to model Jesus' death on the cross, burial in the tomb, then resurrection 3 days later:

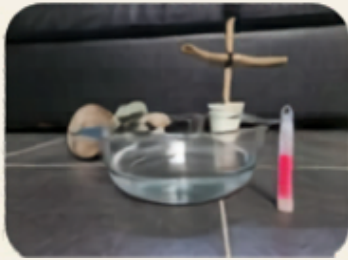
- Pick up an unused glowstick representing Jesus. Move it from the cross and then over to be buried inside the tomb.



- Open the tomb door and quickly snap the glowstick so that it glows. This represents Jesus coming to life 3 days later, out of the tomb, in God's power!!! He paid the death punishment of our sin on that cross and God the Father proved it by raising Him from the dead!



- Ask everyone to select their own unused glowstick. You could even go and rub them in some dirt to represent the sin that separates us from God! If you need to explain what sin is—get them to list bad things they’ve done, said or thought about that would not please God.
- Using your glowstick, show what baptism is by placing it under the water in the bowl (dying to our old selfish sinful life). This is what means in the Bible when it says, “So **when we were baptized, we were buried with Christ and shared his death**” if you added dirt, rub it off while in the bowl showing Jesus paying for your sin and cleaning you up.



- Snap the clean glowstick in the water and raise it up out of the water to a new life in Jesus. “**We were buried with him so that we could live a new life, just as Christ was raised from death by the wonderful power of the Father.**”



5. Ask the following discovery questions:

- What have you discovered about God the Father?
- What have you discovered about Jesus?
- What have you discovered about baptism?

6. What will you decide to do?

7. Pray together.

Parent debrief afterwards:

Viewing each child independently, debrief about what each of them discovered. Are they truly ready and desiring to be baptized? Look for a repentant heart, childlike faith and genuine desire to live for God. Pray together for discernment and wisdom. Praise God for these beautiful kids who you get the privilege to raise and model walking with Christ to!