

8. The Sacraments: The Lord's Supper and Baptism

- *Truth to Teach:* Baptism and the Lord's Supper are two sacraments Jesus commands us to celebrate in the church. Sacraments are an outward expression or action to show an inward change. Therefore, we need to be faithful to God by participating in these sacraments or rites. They do not save us, but they are a celebration of our salvation. The Lord's Supper is a way to remember Christ's death for our sins and to celebrate the fact that He is coming back again one day. Baptism is a public symbol by which we identify with Christ and with the church through immersion in water.

- *Scriptures:*

Lord's Supper - Matthew 26:17-30 > What is the Passover? How did it point forward to Christ?

To what did Jesus compare the bread and the wine?

How was broken bread like His body? How was wine like His blood?

1 Corinthians 11:23-32 > Why should Christians celebrate Communion? How should it be taken?

What are the purposes of eating the bread and drinking the wine of the Lord's Supper?

Baptism - Matthew 3:13-17 > Why was Jesus Baptized?

What do we tell the world by being Baptized?

Acts 2:37-41 > How do the hearers respond to Peter's words? Why?

What did Peter tell the people they should do? Why?

What happened to those who accepted Peter's message?

Romans 6:1-4 > What Does Baptism symbolize about our old and new life?

- *Application:* If you are a believer, participate in the Lord's Supper through your church. If you have not been baptized, talk with your pastor or teacher about the importance of following Jesus' example.
- *Activities:* Look at what we actually do in order to observe the Lord's supper. What does the bread and juice symbolize? What does baptism symbolize? If you have never been baptized, set aside a time to do this. Your pastor or teacher will be happy to talk with you about this.
- *Practice:* What do you want to change about the way you participate in the Lord's Supper the next time it is celebrated at church?

How can you encourage someone that's been baptized?