

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

{An FHE Idea}

Before FHE:

- Construct a Baptism Punch-a-Box {Instructions Below}
- Print out my Punch-a-Box Questions {if using}
- Print out my Articles of Faith #4 Printable {if using}
- 6 different colored pieces of paper {for step #2 in lesson plan}
- Read through the lesson and gather any other supplies that you may need.

Punch-A-Box Instructions:

To make your own Punch-A-Box you will need:

- Foam Board {Thick Poster-Board}
- Cups
- Hot Glue & Glue Gun
- Tissue Paper
- Rubber Bands
- Small pieces of paper with questions, scriptures, and scenarios

To construct your Punch-A-Box decide how many questions you will have, that will determine how many cups you need.

*Since we discussed baptism I placed my cups in the shape of an '8'. I used 17 cups for my '8'.

Next, glue your cups to your foam board. When the glue is dried, and your cups are stuck on pretty good, get your questions and place one in each of the cups.

*I placed all of the scripture questions in the top circle of the '8'. Then I placed all of the 'What should I do' scenario questions in the bottom of the '8'. I did this so we could first discuss all the "what's/why's" of baptism.

After you place a question in each cup you will cover each cup with a square piece of tissue paper. Cut your tissue paper into squares making sure they are larger than the mouth of the cup.

Grab a piece of tissue paper and place it over the mouth of a cup. Grab a rubber band and place the rubber band around the tissue paper and cup {sometimes it's nice to have a pair of extra hands for this job, one person holds the tissue paper over the cup while the other places the rubber band on}. Continue doing this until all the cups have been covered with tissue paper.

LESSON PLAN

1. Read the fourth article of faith:

Show your family the 4th Article of Faith, and as a family read it aloud:

'We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.'

2. Steps to Our Heavenly Father:

Place a blue paper square on the floor at one side of the room and a white paper square at the other side. Invite someone to come up and stand on the blue square. Ask if they can get from the blue square to the white square without stepping on the carpet?

No you cannot, it's too far. It's too far for you to get there by yourself. And do you think you can return to Heavenly Father without help? Now place six more squares on the floor, each square a different color.

Heavenly Father has given us steps to bring us back to Him. Do you know what they are?" The first one is faith. Step onto the next square. And the second one is repentance. Once again, step onto the next square.

The next square represents one of the steps you will take when you turn 8 years old. Do you know what it is? {Baptism}

Are you getting closer to the white square now?

The next square represents another thing that will take place when you turn 8 years old. Do you know what it is? It represents receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost.

What do you think the last two squares represent?

The next square stands for the temple. After your baptism and confirmation, you'll prepare to receive the priesthood and temple ordinances.

What do you think the last square stands for?

It is the simple truth taught by prophets and scriptures. "Stay righteous. After making all of these covenants, we must stay faithful.

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3. Activity: Baptism Punch-A-Box

To help learn and prepare for baptism we are going to play a fun "Baptism Punch-a Box" game. Inside each of these cups are scriptures, questions and scenarios that will help us learn about baptism.

First we're going to punch the cups on the top. These cups are filled with questions that will help us learn more about baptism.

-Take turns punching and retrieving the questions from the cups. Have everyone look up the scripture and read it aloud. Discuss the question and the answer.

After all the scripture questions have been read and answered have your family move to the lower cups (questions/scenarios). Explain that these cups will help us to know how we can stay faithful and keep our baptismal covenants. Take turns 'punching' and answering.

You can choose to do this activity all in one night or split it up into 2-3 weeks. Take the time to discuss with your children any questions they may have about baptism. Explain that after we are baptized we need to try our hardest to choose the right, that's where the scenario questions can help us out. At the end of your lesson bear your testimony to your family about the importance of baptism.

PUNCH A BOX QUESTIONS

Scripture Questions:

Who must be baptized?

John 3:5

Why should I be baptized?

Mark 1:4; Mark 16:16

Matt. 3:15

How should I be baptized?

A o F #4; 3 Nephi 11:25

When can I be baptized?

D&C 68:25

What do I promise at baptism?

D&C 20:77; Mosiah 18:7-10;

Mosiah 21:35

Can I read in the scriptures of others that have been baptized?

Matthew 3: 13-17; Moses 6:64-65;

JSH 1:68-71

How can I prepare to be baptized?

Where will I be baptized?

Scenario Questions:

My friend likes to listen to really loud music. Some of the songs have bad words. He asked if I would like to borrow his music.

What should I do?

A girl in my class at school is having a birthday party next Sunday. I really want to go, but I know that I should keep the Sabbath Day Holy. What should I do?

I saw someone drop some money. They didn't notice it fell. If I took the money they would never know.

What should I do?

Some of my friends at school use bad language. Sometimes they tell me to say words that they use. What should I do?

What does it mean to seek good friends?

There is a new boy at school and everyone is mean to him and makes fun of him. What should I do?

Instead of playing games and watching movies, what other kinds of activities could I do on Sunday? Why is it important to do these kinds of things?

How can I prepare to go to the temple someday?

Your Mom is cooking dinner and the baby wakes up and starts crying. What could you do?

Your neighbor is on vacation; newspapers are piling up on his porch. What could you do?