

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: BENEFITS OF BAPTISM



Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

Invite God into your presence by celebrating and lifting up the people and circumstances that dwell deep in your heart this week. Pray this prayer together:

Spirit of God, you call us to be witnesses to the world for all you have done for us. Make us missionaries of your gracious love. Give us the will to go tell it on the mountain. We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen

TALK TIME

Read and reflect on the verses above and talk about the questions below:

- The benefits of baptism include salvation, forgiveness of sins, and eternal life. Name three benefits your family receives by belonging to a faith community (a congregation) and how your lives are affected by them.
- How would you define the word *hope*?
- What are three ways you could share with someone what your baptism has done in your life?

WEB TIME

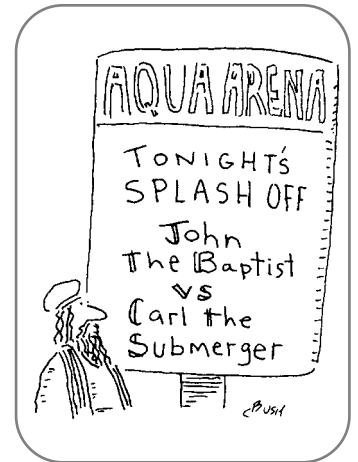
As a family, consider sponsoring a child. The ELCA Hunger Website (www.elca.org/hunger/) has information on how sponsorship works. Sponsorship of a child is a long-term commitment and not one to be undertaken lightly, but if you make it, you will find it very rewarding. If you are already sponsoring a child, consider prayerfully sending an extra-generous gift in memory of your baptism.



KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

**DAILY REPENTANCE
FORGIVENESS**



RITUAL TIME

Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism as a tool for parents to teach the faith to their children. This week make Luther's first explanation of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism part of your family devotions.