

Overview

In Chapter 3 the students learned about the Seven Sacraments. In this chapter the students will learn that the Sacrament of Baptism gives us new life in Christ.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The students will learn:

- Baptism is the foundation of Christian life. 1213
- In Baptism we are freed from sin and become children of God. 1265
- We are a priestly, prophetic, and royal people. 783
- Because of our Baptism, we have hope of eternal life. 1274

Paragraph



Baptism
Incarnation
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Catechist Background

What are some ways you have experienced new life or growth in your life?

We were created by God, in the image of God, to be in a relationship with God. But as we read in the story of Adam and Eve, people used free will to choose their own way rather than God's way, and we became separated from God. As a result, sin entered the picture and "the grace of original holiness" (CCC 399) was lost.

God sent his Son to show us how to live and to save us from all that prevents us from living for God's Kingdom. We call the act of God becoming man the *Incarnation*. Through the Paschal Mystery, Jesus' suffering, dying, and rising from the dead, we are no longer slaves to sin, but we are saved and have the opportunity for life everlasting.

Salvation is a gift freely given, without merit from us. We accept this gift in the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is the foundation of Christian life. In Baptism, we die to our sinful ways and are restored to the image of God in which we were created. In Baptism, we are cleansed of Original Sin

Go to www.webelieveweb.com, Catechist/Teacher, We Believe Correlations for this chapter's correlation to:

- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living*.

and any personal sin and are given the opportunity once again to use our freedom for the glory of God. Through Baptism we have the hope of eternal life and are given the grace to live lives of holiness.

During the sacrament we are anointed priest, prophet, and king, as Jesus was anointed priest, prophet and king. We share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission (CCC 1268). As priestly people, we unite ourselves to the perfect sacrifice offered by Jesus Christ. As prophetic people, we speak out and defend truth and work for justice. As royal people, we help serve the Kingdom of God through loving service to others. Through the grace of Baptism, we become the people we were meant to be: children of God.

How do you see yourself as priest, prophet, or king in your daily life?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Listen to Scripture.
- Respond in song.
- Discuss unity with others.

- For the prayer space: Bible, bowl of water, and brick or stone
- “We Belong to God’s Family,” Owen Alstott, #5, Grade 5 CD

2 WE BELIEVE

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Baptism is the foundation of Christian life.

- Read and discuss the text on Baptism.
- Discuss baptismal symbols.
- Identify ways to show oneness with Church members.

- markers or crayons
- copies of Reproducible Master 4, guide page 43C

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In Baptism we are freed from sin and become children of God.

- Read and discuss Jesus’ coming to save us.
- Review *Incarnation and salvation*.
- Name ways to live as members of God’s family.

- copies of Reproducible Master 4

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We are a priestly, prophetic, and royal people.

- Read and discuss Jesus as priest, prophet, and king.
- Review ways we are prophets.
- Identify the priestly, prophetic, and servant-king tasks.

- copies of Reproducible Master 4

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Because of our Baptism, we have hope of eternal life.

- Read and discuss our hope for eternal life.
- Read and discuss *As Catholics*.

- copies of Reproducible Master 4

3 WE RESPOND

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- Complete the “baptismal building block” activity.

- copies of Reproducible Master 4
- scissors, markers, or crayons

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Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 4 (back of book)

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Chapter 4 Test

- Complete **Chapter 4 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What’s the Word?*, Chapter 4 (back of book)