



Baptism Class Worksheet 1

Date: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____

Instructions: Read following passage from the Bible. Please give written answers to the questions on this sheet. Write on the back or attach additional sheets if necessary. Both parents (and Godparents where possible) should give their own answers separately. Please write your name on the worksheet. I will collect worksheets at the end of each class. If for some reason you are unable to come to the classes I still would like your worksheets by the Sunday of the baptism.

Acts 2: 36 - 42 (New International Version) -Jesus had died, and been raised from the dead and appeared to the disciples for the last 50 days before he ascended into heaven. At his ascension he told the disciples to pray together until they received the Holy Spirit. Ten days later the Holy Spirit came, and when the crowd gathered to see what was happening. So Peter, the apostle is preaching this on the day of Pentecost. a Jewish Festival.-

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-- for all whom the Lord our God will call."

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.



A Look At The Passage

- 1) Who does Peter say Jesus is? (vs. 36)
- 2) What action does Peter say should take place before baptism? (vs.38)
- 3) What two promises should people expect to receive at baptism? (vs. 38)
- 4) Who does Peter say the promise is for? (vs. 39)
- 5) How does Peter characterize the people of that day? (vs. 40)
- 6) What was the response of the people to the church community after baptism? (vs. 42)

A Look At Ourselves



- 1) Who do I think Jesus is?
- 2) What did I receive (or what do I hope to receive) when I was (or am) baptized?
- 3) How do these promises affect my life?
- 4) What are the people of our day like?
- 5) What was (will be) my response to the Church after baptism? What is it today?



Baptism Class Worksheet 2

Date: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____

Instructions: Read following passage from the Prayer book. Please give written answers to the questions on this sheet. Write on the back or attach additional sheets if necessary. Both parents (and Godparents where possible) should give their own answers separately. Please write your name on the worksheet. I will collect worksheets at the end of each class. If for some reason you are unable to come to the classes I still would like your worksheets by the Sunday of the baptism.

The Book of Common Prayer (1979) states on Page 298:

Each candidate for Holy Baptism is to be sponsored by one or more baptized persons.

Sponsors of adults and older children present their candidates and thereby signify their endorsement of the candidates and their intention to support them by prayer and example in their Christian life. Sponsors of infants, commonly called godparents, present their candidates, make promises in their own names, and also take vows on behalf of their candidates.

It is fitting that parents be included among the godparents of their own children. Parents and godparents are to be instructed in the meaning of Baptism, in their duties to help the new Christians grow in the knowledge and love of God, and in their responsibilities as members of his Church.



The PrayerBook Promises

- 1) What two promises of support do parents and godparents make? (see below)
- 2) What are parents and godparents to instruct their children in?
- 3) How do you intend to support, (see question 1) and instruct, (see question 2)? Please give specific examples.

On page 302 the Prayer Book (1979) gives the following questions and answers:

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Promises We Make

Parents and God parents are called to take vows both on behalf of their children. However it is also assumed that you are recommitting yourself to these same promises.

- 1) What does it mean to renounce Satan and spiritual forces of wickedness? What is one example of a spiritual force that is opposed to God? How do we resist these forces?**
- 2) What evil powers do you see at work in our world? What is one power that draws you from God's love? How do you resist it?**
- 3) Sinful desires are internal. What is one desire that draws you from God? How do you resist it?**
- 4) What is a Savior? How is Jesus your Savior? What specific thing has he saved you from?**
- 5) What does it mean trust in someone's love? How does this apply to Jesus Christ for you?**
- 6) A Lord is an absolute sovereign ruler who demands obedience. What is one way in which you are following Jesus Christ as Lord?**