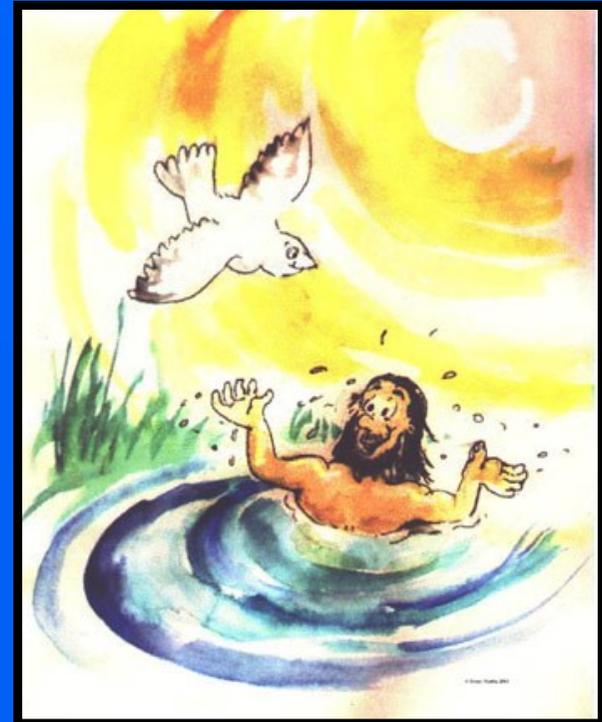
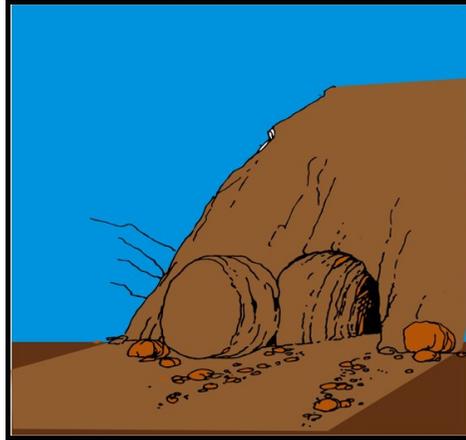


# My Baptism Book





Finally you come up out of the water: Jesus did not stay dead, He rose and now He lives forever. Coming up out of the water is the start of a new life for you with Jesus as your Lord.



So...when we get baptised we are saying:

"I want all my wrong ways of living to die!"

"I want to live a new life of obeying God!"



## BAPTISM IS LIKE A WEDDING!



When two people decide to get married they invite their friends and family to a special ceremony called a wedding. In front of everyone they promise to love each other for the rest of their lives.

Their wedding was not the beginning of their love but it was the time when they announced to the whole world that they loved each other.

Getting baptised is like getting married.

Its not the beginning of your love for Jesus because you already do love Him. But it is the time when you announce to the world that you love Him and will follow Him for the rest of your life.

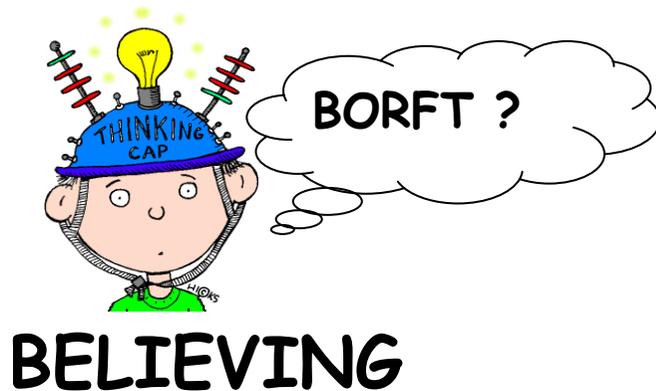
Sometimes mums and dads break their marriage promise to each other. This makes a lot of people sad.

Did you know that only you can break your baptism promise to Jesus? He will NEVER ever leave you. And He will be very sad if you break your love promise to Him.

Can you remember B O R F T?

Those are the first letters of the five things that baptism means:

- Believing
- Obeying
- Repenting
- Following
- Telling



Who is allowed to be baptised?

The people in the bible who were baptised were those who:

- Accepted the Bible as the Word of God
- Wanted to follow Jesus
- Believed in the Good News about Jesus

Being baptised shows that you believe in Jesus

—Read Acts 18:7-8

What happened after the Corinthians believed in Jesus?

---

---

Would it make sense to be baptised if you didn't believe in Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

What do you believe?

---

---

---

## What does being baptised mean?

When someone is being baptised, it is a picture of what happens to him or her when they accepted Jesus.

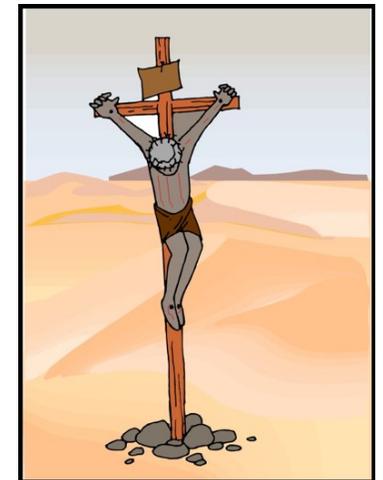
It is a picture of the new life Jesus has given them.

### Acting A Play

When you get baptised its like you are acting out a little play:

When you are baptised and go into the water: it is a picture of Jesus going to the cross to die for you.

We all deserved to die because of our sin. Jesus, however, died in our place to take the punishment for our wrongdoing. When you accepted Jesus, then God forgave you.



When you go into the water, you are saying, "I am glad Jesus died for me. I accept his death for me."

When you go under the water: it is like when Jesus was buried. We bury our sins with Jesus in the grave. It is like saying the old way of life is now buried and gone. Selfishness, disobedience, lying, cheating, all these things are put in the grave.

## NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!...

Write down here why you want to get baptised..

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



## OBEYING

When we believe in Jesus we want to do what He tells us.  
*Read Acts 2:38-39* What is the one thing the Bible tells us to do? \_\_\_\_\_

There are many reasons why we should be baptised in water. The most important is because Jesus asks us to. If we love Him, we should do what He asks of us.

When your Mum or Dad gives you some last minute instructions to do something, maybe just before you go to school, it is usually because they really want you to remember it as being very important.

One of the last things Jesus said to his disciples before he left the world, was to teach people everywhere about the Good News and to baptise them.

## REPENTING

Lets say you were driving and you came to the end of a road.

At the end you saw two new roads and a sign like this:



Could you travel to Auckland and to Rotorua at the same time?

---

If you somehow got on the road to Auckland but you really wanted to go to Rotorua, what would you have to do?

---

It's the same in life too. We can't follow the right way and the wrong way at the same time. If we're going the wrong way, we must turn around and go the other way. Our wrong ways are called sins and turning around is called:

**REPENTING!!**

On a piece of paper, write down the 'wrong roads' you are on. Ask God to bring these to your mind.

When you are finished read this out loud:

"If I confess my sins, God is faithful and just to forgive my sins and clean me from all my wrong ways." 1 John 1:9

Ask God to forgive you  
of all the wrong things  
you have done.



# FOLLOWING

When we believe in Jesus we want to follow His example and do the same things He did.

What did Jesus do in Matt 3:11-17?

---

---

Jesus was baptised so he could show us the right thing to do. Do you want to follow Jesus' example?

# TELLING

In Jesus' time rivers were busy places!



People were there washing clothes, getting water, and talking. That's also where people were baptised! So when someone got baptised everyone knew about it! It was no secret.

When we get baptised it means: "I am not afraid to tell others that I'm a Christian. I have made a decision to follow the Lord all the days of my life."