

WWYG — Session 20
BENEFITS OF BAPTISM

Name _____

Guide _____

1. Talk about a baptism you've attended. What emotions did you observe?

2. What promises do parents and sponsors make at the baptism of a child?
(A) _____
(B) _____
(C) _____
(D) _____
(E) _____

3. Read Part 4 of Baptism on page 216 in *the Lutheran Handbook*. How can an event like your baptism affect you today?

4. Being baptized means we are part of "the priesthood of all believers," which means:
_____ that we are each our own "priest" and can go straight to God. **OR**
_____ that we can each be a priest or a "go between" with God on behalf of each other.
What's the difference? And why is this important?

5. When we are baptized, we receive a candle and are told: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Look up **Matthew 5:16**). Being a baptized Christian means being a light. On the back of this sheet are letters several people have written in to "Lucinda" asking for advice about how to live as a baptized Christian in certain situations. See if you can be "Lucinda" and give them some good suggestions.

Dear Lucinda: There is a new family in our neighborhood, and their son is in my class. I think they're from another part of the country, because sometimes it seems like they don't know their way around. Also, some people make fun of the boy because he talks with an accent. How can I be a disciple in this situation?

Signed, Caring Carrie

Dear Carrie:

Dear Lucinda: I just found out that my best friend's dad lost his job. Christmas is coming. How can I "be a light" for my friend and his family?

Signed, Generous Gus

Dear Gus:

Dear Lucinda: A friend of mine told me that her grandmother died, and she's going to the funeral in Texas. She seems really sad. What is something I can do for her when she returns?

Signed, Compassionate Connie

Dear Connie:

Dear Lucinda: I heard that a family in our congregation had a fire and lost everything they owned! I'm glad that they're OK, but I want to show them we care and help them. I'd like to suggest something to our confirmation class. Can you help?

Signed, Merciful Mark

Dear Mark: