



BAPTIZE



Skill

Baptize is immersing new disciples under water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and laying on hands and praying Holy Spirit power upon them.

Design

Baptize (team baptism) > The sun shining illustrates our Heavenly Father's joy and pleasure when new believers obey Him. A team is baptizing the new believer illustrating the evangelist giving another believer baptizer experience. The **sketch** is water and fire. Water illustrates baptism by immersion as a symbol for the new believer's death to sin and rebirth into life. The fire illustrates a new believer receiving the power and boldness of the Holy Spirit.

Story

Ethiopian Official's Baptism (Acts 8:26-40)

This story demonstrates Baptize as a kingdom skill because we clearly see the the Holy Spirit mobilize a disciple to witness to an Ethiopian stranger and baptize him immediately upon his faith confession. How beautiful is the glory of the Holy Spirit on display in this story? He led Philip to the desert road, prepared the Ethiopian's heart, guided Philip's teaching, convicted the man of sin, raised his soul from the dead, prompted him to obey immediately through baptism, and then miraculously transported Philip somewhere else!

Scriptures

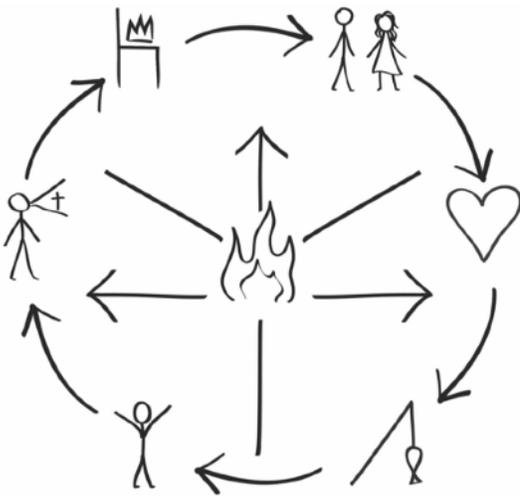
Acts 2:28 > Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 22:16 > And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on His name.

Lesson Summary

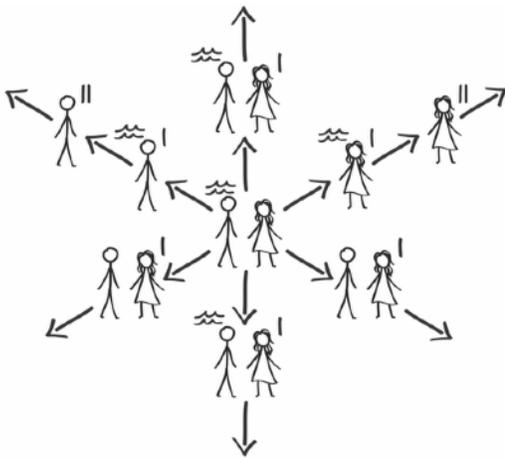
Baptize involves bold, intentional, and immediate obedience. Saul received his sight, repented of his sins, and Ananias baptized him (Acts 9:18). Cornelius' whole family repented of their sins, received the power of the Holy Spirit, and were baptized (Acts 10:44-48). Lydia heard the gospel, lead her family to faith, and they were all baptized together (Acts 16:14-15). The Philippian jailer was delivered from suicide, gathered his whole family to hear the gospel, and they were all baptized and ate a fellowship meal together (Acts 16:27-34). John the Baptist's disciples demonstrated many signs and wonders (Acts 19:4-12).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?