



**MUSIC:** Listen to Carri Underwood's song, "[Something in the Water.](#)" Underline some words and/or phrases of things you like in the song. What is confusing about the song?

He said, "I've been where you've been  
before  
Down every hallway's a slammin' door"  
No way out, no one to come and save me  
Wastin' a life that the good Lord gave you

Then somebody said what I'm sayin' to  
you  
Open my eyes and told me the truth  
He said, "Just a little faith, and it'll all get  
better"  
So I followed that preacher man down to  
the river

And now I'm changed  
And now I'm stronger  
There must've been somethin' in the water  
Oh, there must've been somethin' in the  
water

And well I heard what he said, and I went  
on my way  
Didn't think about it for a couple of days  
Then it hit me like a lightnin' late one night  
I was all out of hope, and all out of fight

Couldn't fight back the tears, so I fell on  
my knees  
Sayin', "God if you're there come and  
rescue me"  
Felt love pourin' down from above  
Got washed in the water, washed in the  
blood

And now I'm changed  
And now I'm stronger  
There must be somethin' in the water  
Oh, there must be somethin' in the water

And now I'm singin' all along to "Amazin'  
Grace"  
Can't nobody wipe this smile off my face  
Got joy in my heart, angels on my side  
Thinkin' about it, I saw the Lord  
Gonna look ahead, no turnin' back  
Live every day, give it all that I have  
Trusted someone bigger than me  
Ever since the day that I believed

I am changed  
And now I'm stronger  
There must be been somethin' in the  
water (amazing grace)  
Oh, there must be somethin' in the water  
(how sweet the sound)  
Oh, there must be somethin' in the water  
(that saved a wretch)  
Oh, there must be somethin' in the water  
(like me)  
Oh, yeah

I am stronger (I once was lost)  
(But now I'm found) stronger  
(Was blind, but now I see)

**VIDEO:** Watch the video, [BAPTISM.](#)  
Write down one insight you gained from the video.

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Write down two questions and their answers to share with the group.

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**SUNDAY CLASS DISCUSSION** (Review presentation/homework and the following.)

Share at what age you were baptized. Do you have any memories from that time?

**On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!**

1. How many sacraments are there in:
  - a. the Lutheran Church? 0 2 7
  - b. the Roman Catholic Church 0 2 7
  - c. the Baptist church 0 2 7
  
2. There are three characteristics of a sacrament in the Lutheran Church.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (commanded) by Jesus
  - b. for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. has a tangible, visible \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Christ instituted Baptism in Matthew 28:18-20.
  
4. What tangible, visible element does Baptism use? \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. What does it mean to baptize?

The word 'baptize' as used in Scripture can mean both **to wash** and **to immerse**. See Luke 11:38, Mark 7:4. Also it can mean 'pour', Matthew 3:11, Acts 2:17, and 'sprinkle', Hebrews 9:10, Numbers 19:17-20

Based on Matthew 3:11 "*I baptize you with water*" and Matthew 28:19, "*baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*" we know that baptizing is applying water in the name of the Triune God for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.



6. Who can be baptized?
  - a. those over 12 years old, the year of accountability
  - b. those over 8, the year of accountability
  - c. adults only
  - d. children only
  - e. **everyone**

Matthew 28:19 "*Make disciples of **all** nations, baptizing. . .*"

Acts 2:38-39 "*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. The promise is for you and **your children** and for all who are far off-- for all whom the Lord our God will call.*"

Mark 10:14-15 "*Let the **little children** come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a **little child** will never enter it.*"

Mark 18:6 *But if anyone causes one of these **little children** who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.*

7. What is the benefit of Baptism?
- You have \_\_\_\_\_ Christ. Galatians 3:26,27
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 2:38
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Peter 3:21; John 3:5
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Titus 3:5
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit 2 Cor 1:21,22 Eph 1:13; 4:30
8. Should a person who believes and yet has not been baptized, be baptized? \_\_\_\_\_
- Acts 8:27-39 Story of the Ethiopian eunuch
  - A person receives added **assurance** that they are God's child and an heir of the promised inheritance of salvation. At the same time, they publicly declare themselves Christians. In light of Christ's command in Matthew 28, we believe children are to be baptized and then taught. Adults are to be taught and then baptized.
9. Can you be saved without baptism? **Yes**, all the believers in the OT people were. ☺
- Thief on the cross was saved before he was baptized.
  - We are saved by God's grace through faith Ephesians 2:8-9
  - We see God's grace being 'applied' to an individual in the sacraments
  - Warning:** a person who says he believes yet resists baptism. Why would one do such a thing??? How can one be a believer and follower of Jesus if one resists what Jesus teaches?
10. What about a baby that dies before it is baptized?
- The Bible does not speak to that specifically.
  - We place the child in God's hands of love, comforting ourselves with the thought that, while He has bound us to the use of the Means of Grace (sacraments), *He has not bound Himself*. Needless to say, Christian parents should not unnecessarily postpone the Baptism of their children.
11. What daily use is Baptism for us?
- Put on **Christ** (like getting dressed; shower each day) Galatians 3:26-27
  - Given** a new life. Romans 6:4
  - A **reminder** that you are God's child, an heir to the kingdom. Titus 3:5-8
12. Luther once cheered up a depressed friend by saying, "Don't you know you've been baptized?" Why would Luther think such a statement might benefit his friend?
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13. **T – F** In an emergency, any person can baptize.
14. What two elements are essential in any baptism, emergency or planned?
- Word of God** (i.e. "I baptize you 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'")
  - Water**