

WORD WITH WATER

Bible Text: Matthew 28:16-20; Genesis 6-9; 2 Kings 5:1-14; Romans 6:3-11

Lesson Focus: With water and word, we are washed in God's loving grace.

Big Question: How does baptism work?

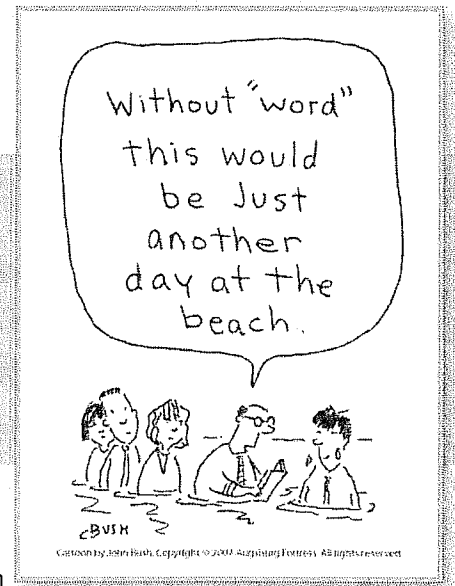
Key Words: WATER, WORD, PROMISE, SACRAMENT

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] In the Old Testament, in the New Testament, and in the life of the church, God uses water to bless people.
-] Water has been a central part of creation since the beginning (Genesis 1:2; 2:6).
-] Water is used for healing and cleaning. (See the stories of Noah and the flood, Genesis 6-10, and the healing of Naaman, 2 Kings 5:1-11.)
-] The Israelites pass through the water of the Red Sea into freedom (Exodus 14).
-] In the wilderness, God gave his people water through an unlikely source—a rock (Exodus 17).
-] John the Baptist baptized people for the repentance of their sins (Matthew 3:1-12).
-] John the Baptist also baptized Jesus, not because Jesus was a sinner, but because through baptism Jesus identified with his people (Matthew 3:13-17).
-] Jesus understood his crucifixion to be a baptism (Mark 10:38-39; Luke 12:50).
-] Paul writes that all who are joined to Jesus' death in baptism will be joined to his resurrection too (Romans 6:4).

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] How does "word" turn water into baptism?
-] How do you remember your baptism?
-] How can you remember that you are God's child in the next week?



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 87: Seven Important Teachings Every Lutheran Should Know

-] What do you think about being "convicted of sin"?
-] How are we cleansed of our sin?

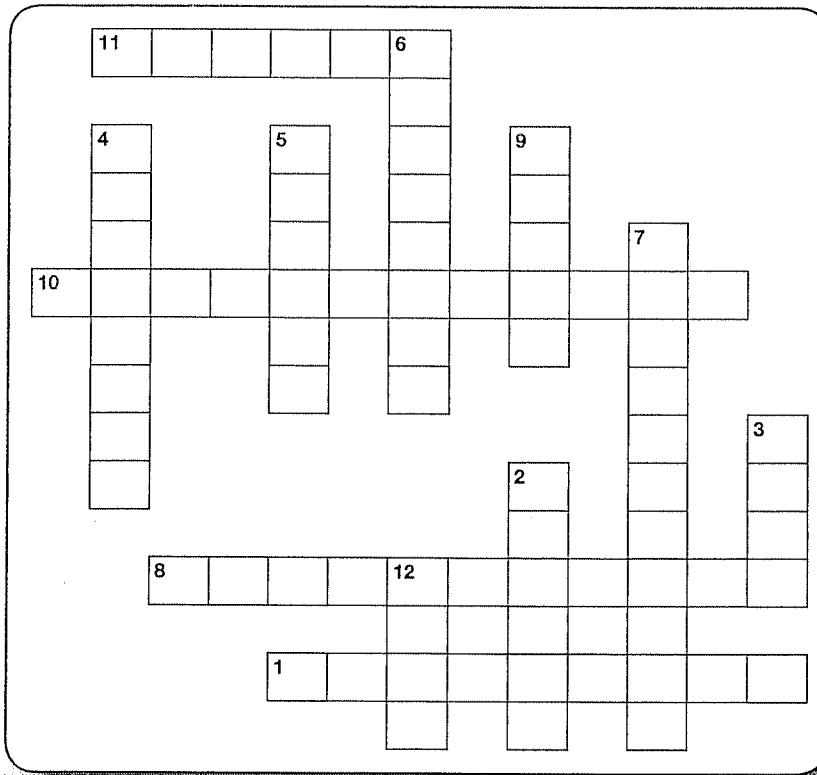
LIFE CONNECTION

Pick five things to clean this week. You could wash your bathroom mirror, vacuum the living room, take a shower, scrub the dishes, and pick up your bedroom. How many times did you use water? We are baptized once with water, but God promises to wash us clean every day. Every time you clean something, remember God's promise.

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Cross-Word and Water

Write the correct answer for each clue in the crossword puzzle below.



ACROSS

1. God's command and an earthly element joined together. Baptism is one example of this.
8. Another term for confirmation is _____ of Baptism.
10. One of the promises of baptism; the promise of new life in Christ.
11. The Israelites passed through this body of water.

DOWN

2. This man washed in the Jordan River seven times.
3. This man baptized people, including Jesus, with water.
4. This is a fancy word for promise; God made one of these with his people after the flood.
5. Baptisms usually take place in this building.
6. Baptisms *can* take place . . .
7. Jesus was baptized in this body of water.
9. Through baptism we share in Jesus' _____ and so receive forgiveness and new life with God.
12. The Israelites drank water from this unlikely source.

Answers: Across 1. sacrament 8. Affirmation 10. resurrection 11. Red Sea Down 2. Naaman 3. John 4. covenant 5. church 6. anywhere 7. Jordan River 9. death 12. rock