Activity Time

Approximate Time: 20 minutes

What you need:

A copy of the "I Will Be Baptized Like Jesus" activity for each child (artwork included with this lesson), scissors, glue, (2) brads & card stock.

Preparation

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Glue artwork to card stock.
3. Cut out artwork.
4. Cut out circles (paper punch works well for this step) and long dotted lines.
5. Place figures through slit in backgrounds (see image) and secure with brads.

Activity:

1. **Explain:** When we are baptized our sins are washed away. Jesus was without sin, yet He was still baptized.
Ask: Why was Jesus baptized? (To be obedient to all of Heavenly Father's commandments.)
Read: "And Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5)
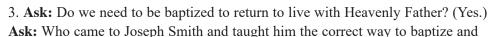
2. **Ask:** Who Baptized Jesus? (John the Baptist.)
Ask: What authority did John have to baptize? (The priesthood.)
Ask: How was Jesus baptized? (By immersion in the Jordan River.)
Ask: What does baptism by immersion mean? (To be baptized by going completely under the water.)
Demonstrate: Use the Jesus and John figures to demonstrate baptism by immersion.

3. **Ask:** Do we need to be baptized to return to live with Heavenly Father? (Yes.)
Ask: Who came to Joseph Smith and taught him the correct way to baptize and restored the Aaronic Priesthood to the earth? (John the Baptist.)
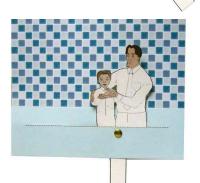**Ask:** How are we baptized? (Just like Jesus; by immersion; by a man who holds the priesthood.)
Demonstrate: Use the young boy and priesthood holder figures to demonstrate how we are baptized like Jesus. If desired don't completely immerse the boy and explain how the baptism has to be redone if this happens.
Explain: Heavenly Father was pleased with Jesus when he was baptized; " And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17).
Ask: Is Heavenly Father pleased with each of us when we are baptized? (Yes.)
Share: Have family members who have been baptized share memories of their baptism day.