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**Day 1—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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| **Faith Fact** |
| We believe that . . . We obey Jesus through Communion and water baptism. |
| **Faith Verse** |
| Matthew 28:19–20 (NLT)  “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” |
| **Foundation for Faith** |
| **Foundation 6:** We obey and remember Jesus when we take Communion and are baptized in water. The Bible commands everyone who accepts Jesus as Savior to be baptized in water. When we are completely covered by water, we show how Jesus took our sins away when He died. When we come out of the water, we show how we now have a brand-new life in Jesus.  Jesus’ followers share Holy Communion to remember His death on the Cross. The bread and grape juice used in Communion are symbols of Jesus’ body that was beaten for our healing and His blood that takes away our sins. Jesus commanded all those who accept Him as Savior to honor Him in Holy Communion until He comes back to take His followers to heaven. |

**Question of the Day: What did Jesus do for us?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

Pray and ask God to speak to you before you read today’s Scripture.

Read Luke 22:14–20.

When Jesus ate the Passover meal with His disciples, they were celebrating how God had saved the people of Israel many years earlier. God used the blood of a lamb to save the people before Moses led them out of slavery in Egypt toward the Promised Land. Little did the disciples know that another Lamb—Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God—was about to give His life so His followers could go to heaven.

**Question**

How are Passover and Communion alike?

**Answer:** They both celebrate God saving people. Both involve a lamb dying.

**LEARN from God’s Word**

When Christians take Communion, the bread represents the body of Jesus and the juice represents His blood. Communion reminds us of the price Jesus paid for our sins. Before taking Communion, we need to think about Jesus’ sacrifice and check our own heart to see if there is anything we need to ask forgiveness for.

**Question**

What do the bread and juice represent in Communion?

**Answer:** Jesus’ body and blood

**Question**

What do we remember every time we take Communion?

**Answer:** Jesus’ death on the Cross to pay for our sins

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

What does taking Communion mean for you personally?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**Question**

Why should you ask Jesus to forgive your sins?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ to take away my sin. I’m sorry for my sins. Please help me live for You. Amen.

**Day 2—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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**Question of the Day: How do we get new life?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

Pray and ask God to speak to you before you read today’s Scripture.

Read Romans 6:3–7.

Just before Jesus began His public ministry, He went to the Jordan River and asked His relative, John, to baptize Him. John told people that they needed to repent from their sins and be baptized as a sign of their new way of life. But John knew Jesus had never sinned, so He didn’t need to repent. Instead, Jesus chose to be baptized because He knew it was the right thing to do. He set an example for all His future followers.

**Question**

What did Jesus being baptized give to Christians?

**Answer:** He set an example for His followers of how important water baptism is.

**LEARN from God’s Word**

When we’re saved by turning away from sin and making Jesus the Leader of our Life, we receive a new life through Him. One of the very first things we need to do after that new life begins is be baptized in water. The Bible teaches that when we are baptized, going under the water illustrates how our old, sinful heart dies with Christ. Coming up out of the water represents God giving us a new, clean heart and life.

**Question**

How would you explain the meaning of baptism to a friend?

**Answer:** Answers will vary. Answer may include going under the water symbolizes the old life of sin ending, and coming up out of the water represents our new life in Christ.

**Question**

What do we need to do to receive the new life Jesus is offering?

Answer: Turn away from sin and make Jesus the Leader of our life

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

What are some good reasons to repent from sin?

**Answer:** Answers will vary. May include to get a new life in Christ.

**Question**

What does it mean to you that Jesus has given you a new life?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear God, thank You for giving me new life and for washing away all my sins. Amen.

**Day 3—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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| **Faith Fact** |
| We believe that . . . We obey Jesus through Communion and water baptism. |
| **Faith Verse** |
| Matthew 28:19–20 (NLT)  “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” |
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**Question of the Day: What does Jesus want us to do?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

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Read Matthew 28:18–20.

Jesus set the pattern for His followers to practice water baptism and Communion. He also commanded His disciples to do these practices in their own lives. One of the ways we show Jesus our love is by obeying His commands and learning from His life. It’s important for everyone who accepts Christ to be baptized in water and to regularly take Communion to remember what Jesus has done for us.

**Question**

What does being baptized in water and taking Communion help us to remember?

**Answer:** What Jesus has done for us

**LEARN from God’s Word**

**Question**

What does Jesus command His followers to do in these verses?

**Answer:** To make disciples, baptize new believers, and to teach and obey His commands

**Question**

What do the verses you read say about how a person should be baptized?

**Answer:** Water baptism is for disciples, and they should be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

What are some reasons a believer in Christ should be baptized?

**Answer:** Answers will vary. May include to obey Jesus and follow His pattern.

**Question**

If you’re a Christian and haven’t been baptized in water, what is keeping you from taking that step? If you have been baptized, what’s the next step you think Jesus is leading you to take?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear Jesus, please help me to obey everything You have commanded. I’m so grateful to be Your follower. Amen.