



# Going under and coming up

## AT A GLANCE



### Bible

Romans 6:3–4



### Topic

What baptism means



### Takeaway

Understanding baptism as a sign of new life with Jesus



8 minutes



Object: a glass of water and a stone



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



**Make it personal:** In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic “What baptism means”. Real stories stick best.



## How the devotion works

1 min

### Opening

Drop the stone into the glass of water. Ask: What happens to something that goes completely under?

2 min

### Bible text

Read Romans 6:3–4. Paul explains: in baptism we are “buried” with Christ so that – just as he was raised – we may live a new life.

3 min

### Thought

Going under means: the old life with guilt and failure stays behind. Coming up means: from now on I live with Jesus. Depending on the church, people are baptised as children or after their own decision – it is always about God’s yes to us and our answer to it.

2 min

### Conversation

What does “new life with Jesus” mean for your everyday life?



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## Prayer to read aloud

Lord Jesus, you have defeated death and you give new life. Thank you that I can make a new start with you. Help me to live with you every day. Amen.



## To think further

- Are you baptised? What do you know about it, and what does it mean to you?
- Whom could you ask if you want to know more about baptism?



## For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.
- Encourage them to say the prayer themselves – the written prayer gives confidence.



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