



Baptism – God’s yes and my answer

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Matthew 28:18–20



Topic

Baptism and following Jesus



Takeaway

Reflecting on your own relationship with God and on baptism



10–15 minutes



Object: a baptism candle or a photo of a baptism



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic “Baptism and following Jesus”. Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Show the candle or the photo. Ask: What do you associate with baptism – a family celebration, a confession of faith, a tradition?

3 min

Bible text

Read Matthew 28:18–20. Jesus sends his disciples: they are to make disciples, baptise them and teach them. And he promises: “I am with you always.”

5 min

Thought

Baptism is not a ritual to tick off, but the beginning of a journey with Jesus. God says yes to us first – long before we achieve anything. Baptism is the visible sign of this yes and of our answer to it. Whether you were baptised as a child, are thinking about baptism or are right at the beginning: what matters is how you are walking with Jesus today.

5 min

Conversation

What would it mean for you to say yes to Jesus consciously – or to renew that yes?



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Prayer to read aloud

Jesus, you called me long before I looked for you. Thank you for your yes to me. Help me to answer you with my whole life. Amen.



To think further

- What questions do you have about baptism? Who in your church could you talk to about it?
- What does baptism have to do with community?



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.



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