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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION
THE SACRAMENTS and THE NATURE OF BAPTISM

Lesson 1: (L1)
Year 3 (8th Grade)

After completing this lesson, the student will:

- *Memorize The Nature of Baptism.
- *Be able to explain what a Sacrament is.
- *Know the gift of Baptism is and where it came from.
- *Can share 4 reasons for infant Baptism.
- *Know what a sponsor is and does in relation to Baptism.
- *Know the difference between baptizing infants and adults.

1. Introduction:

Watch video: (Parents are to meet with students during instruction with this commandment).

2. Take out the Baptism Shell and Write Matthew 28:19 and Sacrament on it.

3. Our lives are based on means. Tell me these means.

- *How our cell phones connect to the outer world.
- *How we got here today.
- *Getting money into your pocket.
- *How to get from here to Hawaii.
- *To assess your quarterly grades.
- *How to get medications into your body.

4. Catechism:

Is a book of questions and _____

There are # _____ questions in the Catechism.

Numbered Bible verses support each question, there are # _____ Verses.

Each question is supported by stories in the Bible called, *Bible* _____.

5. Read question 236 on page 202. What is a sacrament?

A. List three things it is;

B. From what Greek and Latin word did it come from and what does it mean?

6. Go to page 203, Answer question #237, "How many sacraments are there?"

Why isn't Holy Absolution a Sacrament?

7. Read question 238 on p. 203, and answer: Why do we treasure such common elements as bread and wine and water?

Read Bible verse 1 Corinthians 1:28, What does that say about God working through lowly things?

P. 202, THE SACRAMENTS: SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:

Do 5 out of the next 7, circle the ones that you do

8.....9.....10.....11.....12.....13.....14.

8. Write the Nature of Baptism on p. 204, 4 times. *(First what is Baptism, Which is the Word of God?)
 - A. Catechism Questions: Answer question 239 on p. 205, What does the word Baptize mean?
 - B. List 7 different ways to apply water...
 - C. Read question 240 on p. 205, What is so special about the water in baptism?
 - D. Read question 241 on p. 205, Who instituted baptism?
 9. Read question 242, on p. 205.
 - A. What does it mean to baptize "in the name of The Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?"
 - B. Go to pp. 275-283 in the back of your Small Catechism. Find and draw three pictures/symbols on those pages that show being baptized "in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

10. Go to p. 206. Read question 243.

A. Who is to baptize?

B. Someone says to you that only Pastors and called ministers can baptize. How do you respond?

C. Go to page 216 and look at the bottom, read the Short Form of Holy Baptism in Case of Emergency. What did you learn? Have you ever had to do that? Is that baptism just as effective as if a called minister did it?

11. On page 206, read question 244,
Who is to be baptized?

A. What does all nations mean?

B. Read question 245, What distinction is to be made in baptizing?

Bible verse #835 applies to a. Babies/Children or b. adults. Circle one.

Bible verse #836 applies to a. Babies/Children or b. adults. Circle one

C. In your opinion, at what age does one need to be instructed first to be baptized, compared to just baptizing infants and children?

D. Look at the bottom of this question. Babies are to be brought to baptism by only whom?

12. Go to question 246 on pp. 207-208, Why are babies to be baptized?

A. List four reasons that they are to be baptized.

B. What would you say to someone that says, "People should only be baptized when they understand it and they do it for God?"

C. Look at the Bible Narrative on p. 208, What did John the Baptist have even though he wasn't born yet? What does that say about 'infant baptism?'

13. Look at question 247 on p. 208, Why does the church encourage the use of sponsors at Baptism?

A. List 4 requirements and qualities of sponsors.

B. Fill in the blanks:

Matthew 18:16, "Every charge may be _____ by the evidence of _____ or _____ witnesses."

Ephesians 4:16, "Christ from whom the whole _____, joined and held _____ by every joint in which it is _____, when each part is working _____, makes the body _____ so it builds itself up in _____."

C. Do you know the date of your baptism? Share the name of your sponsors. Ask your parents about their memories of it. Do you have pictures of it or have your banner?

Closing Prayer: *Dear Lord, "Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints your chosen host. Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit shall live with in." Amen. LSB, Hymn #590, verse 1.*