TIPS for parents and teachers

BAPTISM gives us a fresh start!

Before class prepare:

- ✓ In a glass jar with a secure lid, put one cup of water, three drops of blue food coloring, and ½ cup of bleach.
- ✓ a white piece of fabric, about the size of a sheet of paper, cut into the shape of a person.
- ✓ Plastic gloves, tongs, and a cake pan

Let each student add a "sin" to your fabric person with a red marker. Explain that these are not only **past sins**, but all **future sin**, and the very **sinful nature** of each person. God's grace is not only for our sins, but for our sinful nature which He wants to transform into a new creation!

After emphasizing that we have all sinned (or will sin!) and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23), baptize your fabric person in the jar you have prepared. Be sure and do this inside of the cake pan using the tongs and gloves for protection. While the fabric is in the water, talk about how this is like the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Pull the fabric out of the water with the tongs, and spread out on paper towels. It is 'new' again, just as we are after baptism!

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Be sure to be prepared to share your own story of salvation. Ask the students to share theirs. Talk openly about some of the things that keep people from taking this step.

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