

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: Repentance and Baptism are acts of faith.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 2:36-41
Acts 8:26-39
Romans 10:1-14
Matthew 10:26-39

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Acts 2:36-41

Why were the people cut to the heart?
What was their response to what they had heard?
What does it mean that Jesus is both Lord and Christ?
How does Peter answer their question?
What does he instruct people to do and what does he promise them as a result?
Where is faith in this story?

Acts 8:26-39

Why had the eunuch gone to Jerusalem?
What was the good news that Philip gave to him?
What was the eunuch's response to what he had heard?

Were Philip and the eunuch alone in the chariot?
What difference does that make to the story?

Romans 10:1-14 and Matthew 10:26-39

What does it mean to confess Jesus as Lord?
What is the relationship between faith and confession?
What is the relationship between baptism and confession?

What does God want us to do in response to desiring a relationship with Him?
What do you still need to do?
What do you need to continue doing?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His grace.
Agree with God about your need to depend on Him rather than yourself.
Thank God for providing us with examples to follow.
Ask God to show you your next step of faith.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ ACTS 2:36-39

How do we accept God's gift of forgiveness?
Who is the promise for?
Stand in front of the mirror and show each other what you look like when you are "cut to the heart".

READ ACTS 3:19

What does "repent" mean?
Look up "turn" in the dictionary.
Make a list of things that turn.
What does a turn indicate?
Have a contest to see how far each of you can turn in just one jump.

READ ROMANS 6:1-4

What is the meaning behind baptism?
If you've seen a baptism, describe it.
Make yourselves as small as possible, then, jump up as tall and wide as you can.

READ GALATIANS 3:26-27

What other picture of baptism does this verse give us?
What clothes do you put on to look like a chef?
What would you put on to become a _____?
Dress up and see if others can guess who/what you are.

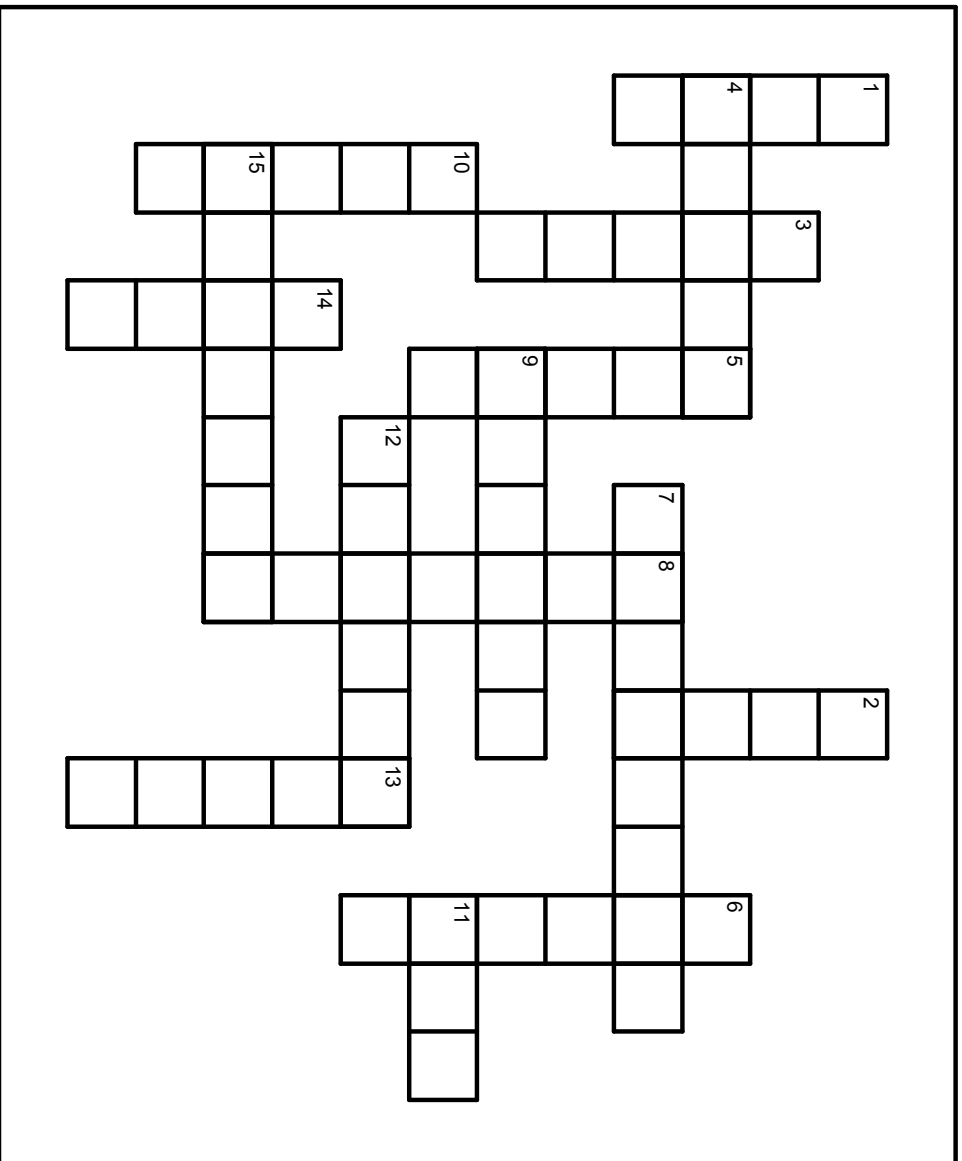
READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

What can we expect to happen when we repent & are baptized?
Have everyone put on clothes that are "new" to them.
BE CREATIVE!

MEMORY VERSE:

_____ did many _____
in the _____ of _____,
which are _____ in _____.
But _____ are _____ may _____
that _____, the _____ of _____,
and _____ by _____ you _____ have _____ in _____.
John 20:30-31

Repent and be Baptized



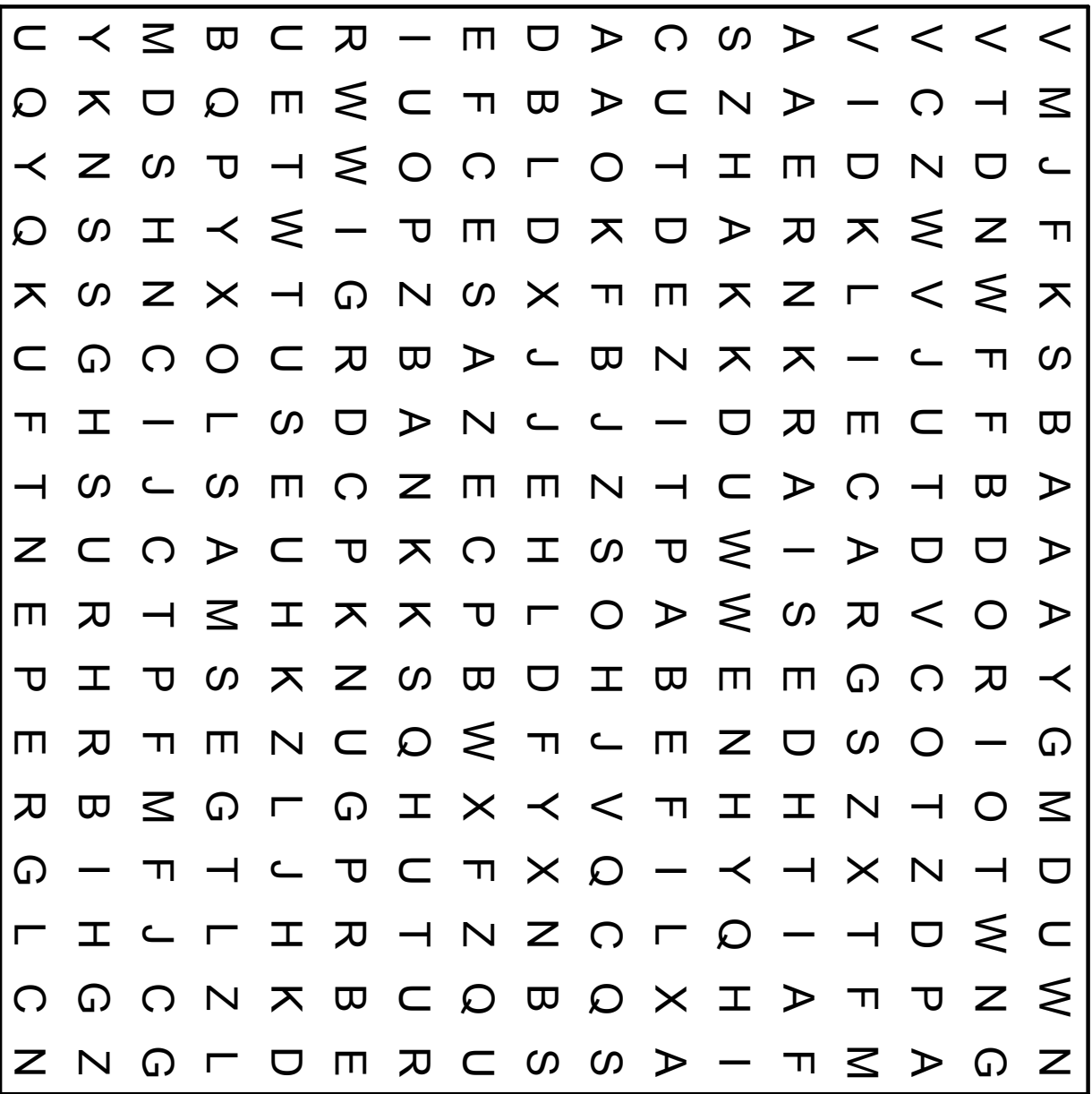
Across

4. active belief (Galatians 3:26)
7. immersed in water (Acts 2:38)
9. lifted up (Romans 6:4)
11. not old or used (2 Corinthians 5:17)
12. put under ground (Romans 6:4)
15. put on (Galatians 6:27)

Down

1. opposite of death (Romans 6:4)
2. present (Acts 2:38)
3. erased (Acts 3:19)
5. center of our being (Acts 2:37)
6. turn back to God (Acts 2:38)
8. certain (Acts 2:36)
10. the undeserved blessings of God (Romans 6:1)
13. opposite of life (Romans 6:3)
14. children (Galatians 3:26)

Repent and be Baptized



assured heart repent baptized gift

wiped grace death buried raised

life sons faith clothed new

Repend and be Baptized

1. EPTNRE _____

2. FEIL _____

3. RAUSESD _____

4. CLETDOH _____

5. ZPEBTAID _____

6. PDIEW _____

7. NOSS _____

8. THFAI _____

9. GERCA _____

10. EDBURI _____

11. DIAESR _____

12. TAERH _____

13. HEATD _____

14. EWN _____

15. FIGT _____