

# The Week of Holy Baptism

Bible Reading Schedule

## How could you use this Bible reading Schedule?

Many families read the Bible after every meal. This Bible reading schedule could be used for the Bible reading after supper. For most people, this is a moment where the whole family is together.

Every Bible portion comes with a few questions. You could ask these questions after reading the Scripture portion, in order to engage your children in the Bible reading. Depending on the age, size, and attention span of your family you could choose not to use all the questions, but maybe only one or two. Some questions are easier than others (the easiest question is usually the first question), in order to engage both the younger and the older children in the family.

You could also choose to give one or two question(s) before you start reading the Bible already, so your children know what to listen for.

### Day 1 (Monday) – Genesis 17:1-8

- ◆ Who appeared unto Abraham?
- ◆ Abram's name changed. What was his new name? What does this new name mean (verse 5)?
- ◆ With who did the LORD make a covenant (verse 7)?
- ◆ The covenant was *everlasting* (verse 7). What does that mean?
- ◆ When God made the covenant, He promised two things (verse 8). Which two things?  
(Hint: I will give ... and I will be ...)
- ◆ God made the covenant with Abraham, and with Abraham's seed after him. However, Abraham didn't even have a seed (child) yet at this point! God had promised to give Abraham a son. Who would eventually be born of Abraham's seed?

### Day 2 (Tuesday) – Genesis 17:9-14

- ◆ With who did God make a covenant?
- ◆ Do you remember from yesterday what God promised in that covenant?
- ◆ A covenant is an agreement between two people. That means that Abraham had to do something too. What did he have to do (verse 10)?
- ◆ Circumcision was the sign of the covenant. God still makes a covenant with us, but we don't circumcise baby boys anymore. Which sign of the covenant do we have?
- ◆ When a baby boy was circumcised, there was blood. That blood pointed towards the blood of the Lord Jesus. What can the blood of the Lord Jesus do?
- ◆ You don't see blood with Baptism, but water. Yet, it teaches us about the same thing. What does the water of Baptism teach us?

### Day 3 (Wednesday) – Matthew 3:13-17

- ◆ Who was baptized?
- ◆ Who baptized Him?
- ◆ Where was the Lord Jesus baptized?
- ◆ What happened after the Baptism of the Lord Jesus?
- ◆ What did the voice from heaven say? Do you also know whose voice that was?

#### Day 4 (Thursday) – Matthew 28:16-20

- ◆ The disciples were told to *teach all nations*. Who or what did they have to teach about?
- ◆ The sacrament of Baptism is not made up by ministers. Who commanded the disciples that they had to baptize people?
- ◆ The disciples had to baptize people in the name of ... and of ... and of ... . Does that still happen in your church?
- ◆ What did the Lord Jesus promise the disciples in verse 20?
- ◆ The Lord Jesus is not on earth anymore. How can He still be with us?

#### Day 5 (Friday) – Psalm 51:1-10

- ◆ Who is David speaking to in this Psalm?
- ◆ What does he ask for in verse 2? What does the word *iniquity* mean?
- ◆ David asks God to wash him and clean him. David's heart is dirty with sins. Does your heart need to be washed too?
- ◆ David says in verse 7: *Purge me with hyssop*. That means: Clean me with hyssop. Hyssop was used to put blood on the doorposts from the Israelites, before the tenth plague. So David asks to be cleaned with blood. Whose blood can wash sins away?
- ◆ David asks: *wash me, and I shall be ...* (verse 7).
- ◆ What is the connection between this Psalm and Baptism?
- ◆ What does that actually mean, that the blood of the Lord Jesus can wash your sins away?

#### Day 6 (Saturday) – Acts 2:37-41

- ◆ You just read part of the history of Pentecost. Who preached to the people?
- ◆ Many people asked Peter what they had to do. Peter told them to do two things (verse 38). Which two things?
- ◆ Verse 39: *For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call*. Should children be baptized too?
- ◆ How many people were baptized on the day of Pentecost?

#### Day 7 (Sunday, Baptism) – 1 Peter 3:18

- ◆ The apostle Peter mentions Noah in verse 20. What had happened to Noah?
- ◆ The prayer in the form of Baptism speaks of Noah too. God sent a flood to the earth, but Noah and his family were saved. How many people were safe in the ark?
- ◆ God separated Noah and his family. When you were baptized, you were separated as well. How are you different than people who are not baptized?
- ◆ In the time of Noah, God used water to destroy the earth. With Baptism, water is used to teach us something. What does that water teach us?
- ◆ When you were baptized, God showed that He can also wash your sins away! Are your sins washed away already?