## THE MEANS OF GRACE

THE NATURE OF BAPTISM

## **ACTIVITY**

## **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

Theme: By Baptism, we become the children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Materials: Cardstock, yarn, scissors, markers, birthday cards

Procedure: (8-10 minutes)

Allow class members to select birthday cards and share the messages they contain with the class. Ask, **Why are birthdays celebrated?** Accept responses. Ask, **In what way are Baptism birthdays even more important than birthdays?** (At our Baptisms, we became members of God's family through Jesus.) Stress that in Him we have forgiveness of sins, new life, and salvation.

Ask students to cut a large water-drop shape from the cardstock. Have them write "You are Mine" (Isaiah 43:1) on the cardboard. Have each student string yarn through a hole made at the top of the water drop so he or she can hang it somewhere as a remembrance of his or her Baptism.