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ACTIVITY

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Theme: Through Word and Sacraments, the means of grace, God works faith in our hearts, giving us the assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we have a new and eternal life in Jesus' name.

Materials: White sheet of paper, with ¼ inch trimmed from each side, one for each student; black construction paper (8½ x 11 inches), one for each student; markers; glue

Procedure: (10 minutes)

Underscore that the sacraments are God's Word provided to us in a special way through the common elements of water, wine, and bread. Emphasize that God works faith through the sacraments, assuring us of the full and complete forgiveness of sins Jesus earned through His life, death, and resurrection.

To illustrate the connection between God's Word and the sacraments, have each student fold a white piece of paper in half the short way. Then unfold and glue it onto a black sheet of paper to represent the Bible. Using markers, have students draw a baptismal font on the left-hand side of the white paper to represent Baptism. Then have them draw a flagon and paten on the right-hand side of the white paper to represent the Lord's Supper. Invite students to display their creation in a prominent place to remind them of the means through which God gives His gift to them through Christ Jesus.