

Lesson 7

The Born Again Truth
John 3:1–21

ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

Bubbling Over

Give each child a plastic cup with a little water in it and a straw. Have children blow through their straws to make bubbles. Talk about how we don't see the air, but we can see what it does: it makes bubbles. Say, **We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we can see His work. The Holy Spirit gives us God's gift of faith. He makes us part of God's family.**



Baptism Birthday

Set out play dough, candles, and Baptism items (e.g., bowl of water; cloth to dry off water; Bible; baptismal candle, banner, shell, certificate, gown). Show children how to form the play dough into a cake and put candles in it. Talk about having two birthdays: the day they were born into their family and the day they were born into God's family through faith.



Jesus' Children

Have hand towels and a bowl of water with a cross in it. Say the Invocation, scooping a handful of water on each name: **In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.** Talk about how the pastor says these words at Baptism too. Have children take turns dipping a finger and making the sign of the cross.



Picture Frame Craft

Ahead of time, glue four jumbo craft sticks together to make an open frame (heavy-duty glue dots make this easy). Set out gems, small shells, craft glue, and stickers. Have children glue shells and gems to the flat parts of their frames and attach stickers. Tell them to use the frame for a Baptism picture, or give them a class picture to put in it. Talk about how God the Holy Spirit gives us faith to believe in Jesus and makes us part of His family.

