

The Ordinances of the Church

Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 22:14-20;
Romans 6:4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26



18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

14 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table.
15 And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.
16 For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."
17 After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you.
18 For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Luke 22:14-20

19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."
20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Romans 6:4

4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.



Corinthians 11:23-26

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,
24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."
25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Jesus gave us instructions to do two very important things when we become Christians: take Communion and be baptized in water. These ordinances help us remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us when He died on the Cross and the new life we have through Him.

Faith Fact

We believe that . . . We obey Jesus through Communion and water baptism.

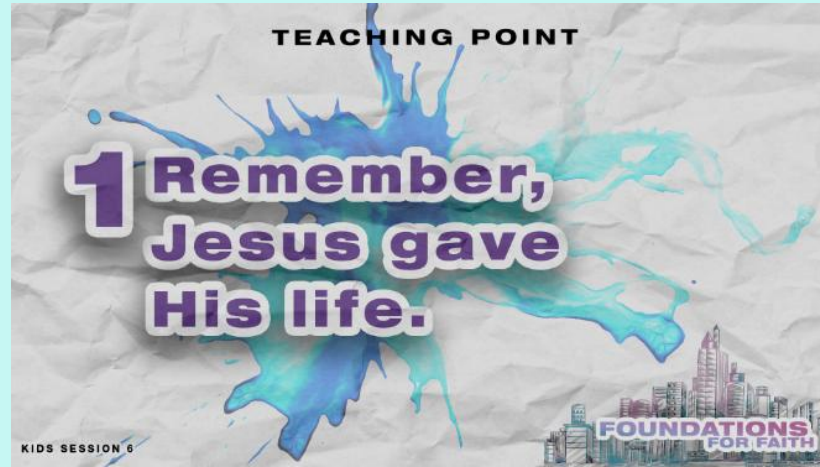
Faith Verse

Matthew 28:19–20

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when Jesus lived on earth, He showed us two things we could do to remember and celebrate His life

And celebrate important things He had done for them.



Throughout the Bible, God gave His people special ways to remember and celebrate important things He had done for them.

For Example:

Passover every year

Passover also reminded the Israelites that God had saved them before and that He would save them again.



He and His disciples ate their last Passover meal together.

What did Jesus use when He told His disciples to remember Him?



So He wanted to give them and us a new way to remember Him.

Jesus picked up the bread and a cup, and demonstrated how we can remember His death.

We call it Communion.

Communion:

is when we come together as Christians to eat bread and drink juice as we remember Jesus' death on the Cross.

It also reminds us that Jesus provides healing and that He's coming back one day

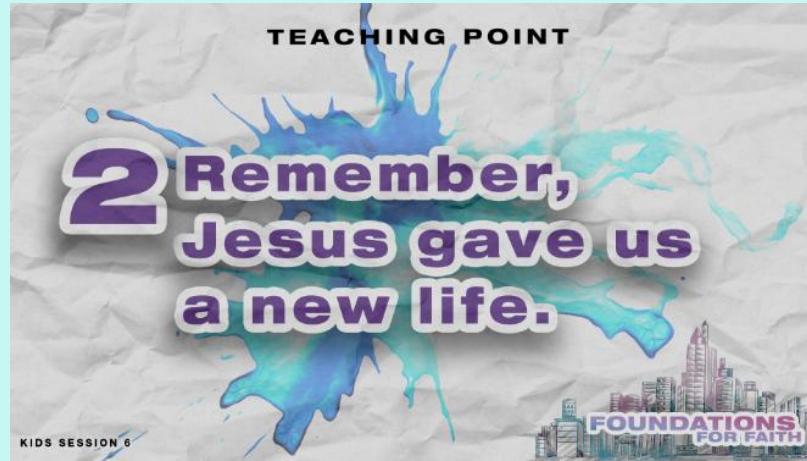
The bread represents Jesus' body that was broken

The juice represents His blood that was shed

Jesus gave His life so that we can have our sins forgiven and be saved.

Jesus gave us another way to remember Him that He also did at the very beginning of His ministry.

Water baptism was an important way for us to remember the new life God has given us through Jesus' death and resurrection. Let's read about what baptism means in the Bible.



He didn't just come to die for us. He came to give us a new life.

About three years before Jesus died on the Cross,

He visited His relative, John, at the River Jordan.



Romans 6:4

4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Going down into the water reflects how we die to our selfish wants and leave that old life and our sins behind us.

When we come up from the water, it's a reminder of how Jesus rose from the dead

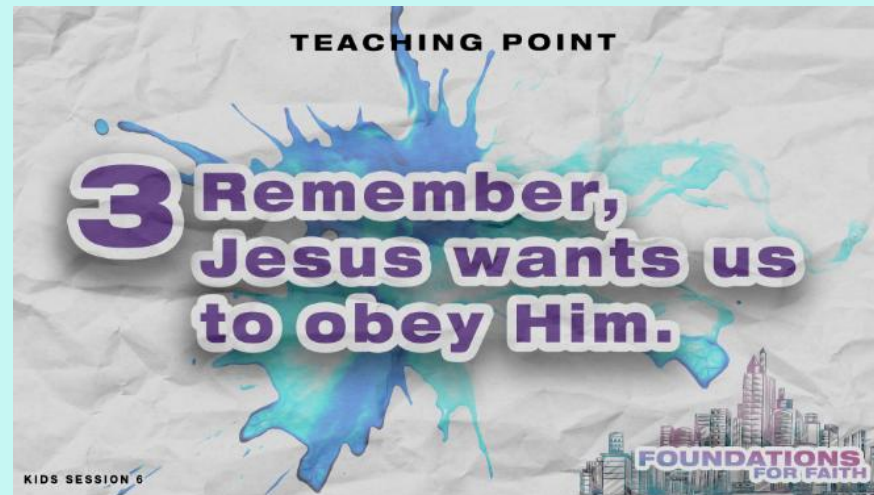
When we do this, we are rising to a new life with Jesus.

Baptism is about leaving our old life behind, and showing the world we are committing to our new life with Jesus.



Jesus set the example for us to follow.

He demonstrated Communion and water baptism,



When we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we are reminded of who Jesus is and everything He has done for us

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