

# The Great Immersion

**Aim:** better understanding of Baptism

## **1. Attention: object lesson with an Egg**

Hold up the pure white egg and tell how we all come to the earth pure and unblemished. As we grow, we make mistakes which tarnish us. Take crayons and make marks on the shell of the hard boiled egg as you mention possible sins—lied to your mom, hit your brother, cheated on your homework, said a bad word, stole candy from the store. (Do not use markers as they will bleed through the shell.) Then hold up the egg so all can see the blemishes. Carefully peel the egg to show how baptism allows us to shed our worldly self and become pure and unblemished again.

## **2. Application:**

### **Why should I be baptized?**

- Jesus himself did it → Matthew 3:13
- We are told to → Matthew 28:19
- Its a sign to everyone you have accepted Christ, have asked for forgiveness, and are ready to join a church body
- Christianity is supposed to be personal but not private – Its a sign to the world of your faith and commitment to Jesus
- **Image: wedding ring:**

Wedding ring represents being married to someone. Baptism is an official symbol to other followers of your commitment to Jesus Christ. But just like if you are not baptised, if you don't have a wedding ring it doesn't mean that you're not married.

### **How can I be baptized?**

1. Become a Christian
2. Make the decision
3. Talk to your parents and pastor
4. DO it!

### **What exactly is baptism?**

- The christian definition is:
- The religious rite of immersing someone in water symbolizing purification and admission to the Christian fellowship/church.
- 1. Peter 3:21
- Myths of Baptism:
  - It doesn't mean you won't make another mistake
  - You won't die if you sin.

## **3. Appeal:**

- Review the "How can I be baptized with them?" and make them aware of what they have to do now; depends on which "stage" they are right now.