

**Shadyside Presbyterian Church
Kids' Worship Bulletin
Sunday, 8 August, 2021
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Baptism Sunday

Participating in the Sacrament of Baptism

Today, through baptism, we welcome Robert (Bobby) Newman into our church family. Our baptism is a sign that we belong to God and to the family of Christians everywhere. This is a happy day for Bobby and his whole family, it is a happy day for our church, and you get to be a part of it.

Sometimes when there is something very important that belongs to us, we like to tell everyone that it is ours...

Our book

Or our stuffed animal

Or our bicycle



Baptism is about belonging. God told John the Baptist to baptize Jesus in the water from the Jordan River. John listened to God and baptized Jesus.

The water that John poured on Jesus was a sign that Jesus belonged to God.

Our baptism is a sign that we belong to God. When we are baptized, God gives us a very special gift to help us grow, learn, and love. God's special gift to all of us at baptism is the Holy Spirit – God working deep inside us.

Baptism is the sign that tells us that we belong to God.¹

Where in the Word is the Word?

“The Word” can mean many things:

The Word = God's messages for God's people

The Word = Jesus

The Word = The Bible¹

Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?

One is in the Old Testament and the other is in the New Testament:

Book of the Bible	Chapter	Verses
Ephesians	4 through 5	4:25 to 5:2
John	6	35, 41-51



How quickly can you find these passages in your bible?

¹ Signs of God's Love, Baptism and Communion, Jeanne S. Fogle, Geneva Press, 1984

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A Little Bible Background
Jesus says, "I am the bread of life."

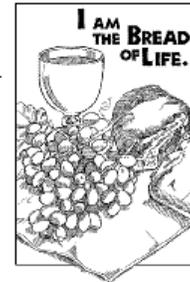
The *Deep Blue Kids Bible* helps us understand what Jesus means when he says, "I am the bread of life:

In John we read many statements Jesus made about himself that begin with the phrase "I am." In John 6:26-40, Jesus wasn't talking about being physically hungry. The people were talking about physical hunger, but Jesus was talking about hunger for God. Jesus told them they wouldn't be spiritually hungry anymore if they followed him because he is the bread of life.

Looking for a Sign

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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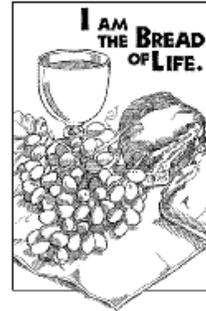
SIGN	BREAD	BELIEVE	HEAVEN
ETERNAL	LIFE	HUNGRY	THIRSTY

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Based on John 6:24-35 (NIV)



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LIFE	HEAVEN	LOAVES	TRUTH	FATHER
ETERNAL	TRUE	MANNA	DESERT	MOSES
SIGNS	FILL	THIRSTY	LAKE	BREAD
RABBI	BELIEVE	LIFE	HUNGRY	FOOD

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Saying "Good-bye" can be so hard

Have you ever had to say good-bye to a good friend who was moving away? Maybe you moved away and had to say good-bye to your friends. When someone is your good friend, it is really hard to say good-bye to them. It can make you sad and you may worry about what it will be like without your friend there anymore.



Today, our church is saying good-bye to Pastor Todd Leach, Mrs. Leach, and their daughters Nadia and Dhini. The Leach family has been a part of our church family for almost 14 years and we have shared so much together.

Pastor Todd has been called by God to serve a church in Buffalo, New York. He will be their next Senior Pastor and will lead Westminster Presbyterian Church of Buffalo in ministry. We are excited for Pastor Todd and his family and for his new church, but we are also sad the Leach family will be moving away.

The awesome thing about being part of God's family is that even though we won't see the Leach Family in our church, we will still be together in spirit. Remember how during communion we talk about joining all of God's family around the table? Todd, Linda, Nadia, and Dhini will join us around the table, but not in a way we can see them. We need to remember that and maybe not say "good-bye," but say, "We'll join you at God's table soon!"

