Baptism Welcomes Us into the Christian Community

GRADE 5

CHAPTER 3 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 3****.*

Baptism is the first sacrament we celebrate. It marks us forever as Christians.

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Baptism brings us into the Christian family and cleanses us of all sin.

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Original Sin is the sin we are born with as members of the human race. It comes from the sin Adam and Eve committed. Baptism washes away this sin.

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In OCIA, adults get ready to enter the Christian community by preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation. The Christian family helps bring them into the community.

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A person learning the faith in OCIA is called a *catechumen*.

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Words, actions, and objects blessed by the Church that bring us closer to God are called *sacramentals*. Water is a sacramental for Baptism.

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We welcome people into our homes by name. Likewise, during Baptism, the Christian community welcomes new members of the Church by name.

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Sacramentals used in Baptism include a white garment, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sign of the Cross. The most important sacramental is water.

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A candle is lit from the paschal candle during the baptismal ceremony. This lighted candle reminds us of the light of Christ.

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Baptism ends with the great prayer Jesus taught his first disciples, the Lord's Prayer.

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