



## TRAIL MARKER ONE

# Baptism



### Introduction

This Faith Trail marker encourages parents as they prepare for the Baptism of their child. It provides ideas and resources to assist them in their role as Christian parents.

### Things to do

# SAMPLE ONLY

- Set up chairs in a circle, with a mat in the centre, for the young child to lay.
- Organise name tags.
- Print copies of Appendix 1 *Caring Conversations* and cut out the cards (one card per table group).
- Print copies of Appendix 2 *Bible Time* (one per family).
- Print copies of Appendix 3 *Rite of Holy Baptism* (one per family).
- Print copies of Appendix 4 *Four Keys Equipping* (one per family).
- Print copies of Appendix 5 *Growing Faith Moment – Baptism* (one per family).

### Things you need

- Copies of handouts
- Purchase copies of Martin Luther's Small Catechism (one per family). See Appendix 8 for information on where to purchase.
- Order Baptism tracts from LTM ([www.ltm.org.au](http://www.ltm.org.au)). See Appendix 8 for ideas and suggestions.

#### Extra resources for the facilitators:

- Appendix 6 *Rite of Baptism explained*
- Appendix 7 *Frequently asked questions*
- Appendix 8 *Baptism preparation resources*

### Session Outline

1. Welcome & Warm-up.
2. Naming the Faith Trail marker.
3. Equipping: The Rite of Baptism.
4. Equipping: Sponsors.
5. Equipping: Responsibilities given to parents, sponsors and the congregation.
6. End of Session Prayer and Blessing.

## Welcome and Warm Up

As families arrive, have some suitable music playing and invite them to write a name tag for themselves and have them sit down together at a table.

Have a *Caring Conversations* card (Appendix 1) on each table. As more people arrive, encourage them to talk with people around them.

#### *Caring Conversations:*

- Baptism is important to me because.....
- Share about a baptism you witnessed.



## Naming: TRAIL MARKER ONE: Baptism

Baptism is not water only, but it is the water used together with God's Word and by his command.

In Matthew 28 our Lord Jesus Christ says: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

In Baptism God forgives sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what he has promised.

**SAMPLE ONLY** (The Small Catechism by Martin Luther)

## Opening Prayer

**Heavenly Father, be with us as we learn more about what it means to live with you as your baptised children, and how we can support, bless and encourage the faith life of our child being baptised. Help us all grow together in our faith both in our congregation and homes. Amen.**

## Equipping the parents

### BIBLE TIME

**Read the Bible Verse – Matthew 28:18-20** (see Appendix 2)

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

Have a conversation about the reading by responding to the following:

- The first word that jumps out at me is...
- When I hear this verse, it reminds me of...