

Extending the Invitation to Be Baptized and Confirmed

Role Play 1—Using the Example of Jesus Christ

Narrator: Sarah has felt a desire to gain a relationship with God since she began college two months ago. She recently met with the missionaries. In their first visit, Sister Hernandez and Sister Williams taught Sarah about the Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ and invited her to read and pray about the Book of Mormon. Now the missionaries are meeting with Sarah again. They feel guided to invite Sarah to be baptized.

Sister Hernandez: Sarah, you've told us that you want to follow God and deepen your relationship with Him. Let's read from the Bible together about how Jesus Christ showed us the way to follow God.

Sister Williams: In Matthew chapter 3, we read about Jesus coming to John the Baptist. Sarah, would you read Matthew 3:13–17?

Sarah: [Reads Matthew 3:13–17 aloud.]

Sister Hernandez: Sarah, Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness. That means He obeyed the commandment to be baptized. What do you know about baptism?

Sarah: I know it's something that people often do. In the church I grew up in, I remember seeing a few people do it. No one in my family was baptized. Beyond that, I don't know too much more.

Sister Hernandez: Thanks for sharing that, Sarah. Let us explain more about what baptism is. God wants us to return to live with Him. We start on the path back to God by exercising faith in Jesus Christ. Believing in Jesus Christ leads us to change our lives and repent of our sins. Baptism is the first covenant we make along this path. It brings us closer to the Savior, and we feel joy, forgiveness, and hope. Baptism is also an ordinance. That means it is a ceremony performed by the authority of the priesthood.

Sister Williams: When we are baptized, we are making a covenant, or promise, with God. We promise to serve Him and keep His commandments. As part of this covenant, God promises that He will forgive our sins and bless us with His Spirit, so we can be cleansed, guided, and comforted.

Sister Hernandez: Sarah, will you follow the example of Jesus Christ by being baptized by someone who has been ordained to perform this ordinance? We will help you prepare for baptism. We believe you can be ready on July 29. Will you prepare to be baptized on that date?

Sarah: Yes. This feels like what I have been looking for.

Sister Williams: Sarah, we are thrilled for the blessings that will come to you as you make this choice. Being baptized will bring great peace and power into your life. We have a lot to teach you that will help you prepare.