

Extending the Invitation to Be Baptized and Confirmed

Role Play 2—Teach the Doctrine of Christ

Narrator: Isaac is meeting with the missionaries for the first time. He has many questions about the purpose of life and how he can find more happiness. The missionaries taught Isaac about Heavenly Father’s plan of salvation. During the lesson, Elder Browning and Elder Singh feel prompted to invite Isaac to be baptized.

Elder Browning: Isaac, we want to talk about the path back to our Heavenly Father. He wants us to return to live with Him, and Jesus Christ has made it possible.

Elder Singh: We begin on the path back to God by believing in Jesus Christ. When we have faith in Jesus Christ, we naturally want to change our lives and be more like Him. We obey His teachings and repent when we sin. Faith and repentance lead us to baptism and confirmation. Can you tell us what you know about baptism?

Isaac: I’ve seen one or two baptisms at different churches, but I don’t know very much about it beyond that. I think it’s about sins.

Elder Browning: You’re right. Baptism is the first step in binding ourselves to God, so the Holy Ghost can cleanse, strengthen, and change our nature for the better. It’s also how we express our commitment to God. When we are baptized, we are making a covenant, or agreement, with Him that we will serve Him and keep His commandments. When we do this, God covenants that He will pour out His Spirit on us and forgive us of our sins.

Elder Singh: We also promise, when we are baptized, that we are willing to take upon ourselves the name of Jesus Christ, keep God’s commandments, serve God and others, and endure to the end. That means that baptism is a new start for our lives. We will still have challenges and make mistakes, of course. But we will never stop trying to keep our promise and relying on Jesus Christ throughout our lives.

Elder Browning: Isaac, 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?

Isaac: Yes. This sounds and feels like what I have been looking for.

Elder Singh: Isaac, 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 many things to teach you that will help you prepare for baptism.