

A script from



## “Baptism Sunday, Snorkels Optional”

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**What** Timmy is about to make the family late for church again, looking for snorkel gear and a disposable underwater camera. With the family waiting in the car, his mom Janet learns that he’s got his heart set on snapping a photo of “The Old Man” during the baptism ceremony at church. Timmy’s innocent misunderstanding gives Janet a chance to explain the meaning of water baptism all the while trying to get everyone to church on time.

Part of the *Train Up A Child Series* it’s a funny and touching skit to help believers of all ages know and remember what they believe.

**Themes:** Baptism, Parenting, Family, Childlike Faith

**Who** Timmy- played by an actor who can look under 10 yrs  
Janet- his mom, in her 30s

**When** Present

**Wear  
(Props)** A snorkel and underwater mask,  
Life jacket (or water wings) flippers  
Disposable underwater camera

**Why** Romans 6:1-6

**How** Think of this as a TV sitcom and keep the dialogue conversational. Either have a child actor that is skilled at comedic timing, or use an actor who is older but can pass for being much younger.

**Time** Approximately 3 minutes

*Janet* halfway out the front door and yells for *Timmy*, who is offstage.

**Janet:** Timothy Simon Markwell, this is the last time I'm going to call for you. Your brother and sister are already in the car and your dad's already put it in gear. We are going to be late for church!

**Timmy:** *(offstage)* I'm coming! I'm coming!

**Janet:** You're lucky we're going to the Lord's house or otherwise you'd be grounded. What's taking you so long this morning?

**Timmy:** *(offstage)* I finally found it!

**Janet:** Found what?

**Timmy:** *(offstage)* Dad's snorkel!

*Timmy* appears. He's wearing a life jacket, over his church clothes and hobbles towards the door in flippers with a snorkel and big goggles.

**Janet:** What in the heavens are you doing? Church starts in 10 minutes!

**Timmy:** But mom, it's Baptism Sunday!

**Janet:** The baptisms are happening on the platform, not at a wave pool.

**Timmy:** I'm going to ask pastor to let me get in the tank. I want to see it disappear.

**Janet:** See what disappear?

**Timmy:** The old man.

**Janet:** It's three women and two teenagers getting baptized today there's no old man— *Oh...*

**Timmy:** Dad keeps saying, "On Baptism Sunday the old man disappears," and I want to see him leaving. Dad says it only happens to the people who are in the water.

*He pulls a disposable water camera from his pocket.*

**Timmy:** I'm going to try to snap a photo. I wonder if he'll look like grandpa.

**Janet:** Sweetheart, if we weren't so late this would be so much more adorable. That's not what it means. You won't be able to see an actual old man.

**Timmy:** That's why I've got a mask.

**Janet:** Even with the mask. It's a figure of speech.

**Timmy:** What's that?

**Janet:** It's a way to describe something that we can't quite see.

**Timmy:** So, there's no old man?

**Janet:** It's symbolic, Timmy. The sinful life that we have before we accept Jesus as our Savior is left behind. When those people stand up out of the water, it's a sign that they've left their old life behind and are walking forward into God's perfect plan for their lives.

**Timmy:** Well, do I get to see the new man?

**Janet:** You'll see him smiling on each and every beautiful face when they emerge from the water. But not if we miss the service. Let's go, we can talk more about this in the car.

**Timmy:** So, is this water baptism the same thing as the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

*Janet ushers Timmy toward the door.*

**Janet:** You know what? That's a great question to ask your dad in the car. Leave your snorkel behind. Let's go!

*They exit. Lights down.*