

## **Baptism Bag**

Submitted to <http://www.JennySmith.net/> (free LDS handouts) from Shay, who used it at a teenager's baptism. It's a little too complicated for use as a talk at a child's baptism, but makes a great object lesson for older children.

This is a special day for you and we want you to have a few reminders of this day, so we are going to give you a baptism bag with lots of reminders. We know how hard it is to live life on your own. We will help you along the way and so will these gifts.

1. We want to give you a white WASH CLOTH to remind you that you were washed clean from any sins, mistakes or imperfections you have done.
2. This bottle of WATER is to remind you that you were baptized by immersion. The same way Our Savior was baptized and with the same Priesthood Authority.
3. This bag of GUMMY BEARS is to remind you of the covenant that you make with our Father in Heaven, and that is found in Mosiah Chapter 18: 8-9 Ye are desirous to come into the fold of God, and to be called his people, and are willing to bear one another's burdens, that they may be light; Yea, and are willing to mourn with those that mourn; yea, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort, and to stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places that ye may be in, even until death, that ye may be redeemed of God, and be numbered with those of the first resurrection, that ye may have eternal life.

It is also to remind you to bear your testimony often, we read in Doctrine and Covenants 62: 3 Ye are blessed, for the testimony which ye have borne is recorded in Heaven for the angels to look upon; and they rejoice over you, and your sins are forgiven you.

(Teens name), please know that the Lord Is pleased with you. That He knows you. He knows all of your needs. He knows your family and that you will be able to bless your family with this gift that he is about to give you. We will continue to pray for you and with you. And if you EVER need anything, please, we are sure to be here for you. Find courage in the Gospel. Share the good word!

4. This pack of GUM is to remind you that you are "chewing" the right. (Bear your testimony) *[Following is the author's testimony] {I testify to you with all of my heart, that this gospel of Jesus Christ is true. This gospel will take you to the highest place you want to go. I know the Book of Mormon is the word of God. I can't tell you how many times it has answered my prayers. I know Joseph Smith WAS a prophet of God. I have no doubt and there are about 12 million other brothers and sisters who will testify of that truth too. I am so grateful for my Elder Brother Jesus Christ. Without his Atoning Sacrifice I would NOT be Worthy to stand in front of you today! He Lives, HE LOVES and HE FORGIVES and shows us how to be like him. I know we have a prophet here on this earth today. It blows my mind too! To hear him, to see him is such a blessing! Remember, by the Fruits you shall know if they are good or evil! If you feel good around these brothers and sisters, then they are good people! May we help you on your journey. God has a Super Plan for you!! }*

I say these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

## ***Holy Ghost***

We have some gifts to give you so that you will be reminded about the Gift you are about to receive: the Gift of the Holy Ghost.

1. We have some LIPS from Mr. Potato Head. (or lip balm) This is to help you to remember that the Holy Ghost will SPEAK to you, in a still small voice. You may feel it in your heart, hear it in your mind, you may hear it in your ears, and when He speaks, please listen and you will be safe.
2. Next is this SHOWER GEL. If you look closely on the bottle it says “invigorating clean”. That is what you are. This is also to remind you that you must have clean thoughts and actions to feel the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost cannot dwell in unclean things.
3. Here are a set of Mr. Potato Heads EARS. (or earphones) They will remind you to tune-in to what the Holy Ghost has to say to you. The Holy Ghost will help you to always choose the right. He will never persuade you to do anything wrong.
4. This is a cozy comfy BLANKET. This will remind you that the Holy Ghost will comfort you and give you strength when you find yourself sad and lonely. The Holy Ghost will be a shelter in times of dark and stormy weather as long as you choose the right.
5. Now we have a RULER. It is to remind you that the Holy Ghost is a teacher. The Holy Ghost will help you understand and know the truth as you study the scriptures and learn.
6. Here is a FLASHLIGHT. This flashlight will remind you that the Holy Ghost will help light your way and help you walk the righteous path.
7. Here is a pack of SNICKERS. When your friends, classmates, or peers snicker at the righteous choices that you are making and not supporting you, these will remind you NOT to listen to the “Snickers” and listen to what you feel is right.
8. Last but not least, are these LIFE SAVERS. This is to remind you to share the gospel.

I hope these gifts will remind you to stay on the righteous path and if you need any help, don't be afraid to pray in your mind or on your knees. Remember there is always someone there to listen whether it be, your parents, your friends from church, or Heavenly Father.

(Bear your testimony.)

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