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**“Born of Water”**

"Dad?" Auggie asked as he walked into Dad's office. "I don't get this scripture. Will you explain it to me please?"

"Sure, Bud." Dad looked at the scripture Auggie was pointing at. "John 3:5?" Auggie nodded.

"It says, 'Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be ​​​born​ of ​​​water​ and ​of​ the ​​​Spirit​, he cannot ​​​enter​ into the kingdom of God.'"

"What does it mean when it says, 'born of water and of the Spirit?" Auggie wondered out loud.

"Well, think of it this way," Dad started to explain. "Do you remember when June was born? She was new to the earth. A fresh start. Do you think she made any bad choices when she was born?"

"No, she was just a baby. She couldn't be bad!" Auggie giggled.

"Right. So let's think. What in the gospel gives you a fresh start? With water? No more bad choices?" Dad asked.

"Ummm..." Auggie thought for a moment. "Being baptized!"

"You've got it! Way to figure that out!" Dad gave Auggie a high five. "So the scripture says that being baptized and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost is very important. It's an ordinance. And without that ordinance, we cannot get to the Celestial Kingdom. The Kingdom of God."

"Whoa! I'm so glad I was baptized!" Auggie thought.

"It was a great choice." Dad chuckled.