

# Gifts of Baptism Props List

The gifts are: a new family, a new friend, a new faith.

Family options:

- photos of your own church members, especially the kids in action
- photos of church leadership, such as a bishop, a gathering of synod, people in another sacred space, like a cathedral
- if photos are not available, something to represent a family such as cutouts paper doll style with linked hands.

Friend options:

- photo of Jesus to indicate our friendship with him
- icon of Jesus works well
- crucifix could work if that is part of your tradition

Faith options:

- Bible to represent the story of our faith
- Maybe a Children's Bible or book they would recognize
- In Eucharistic communities, a chalice and paten or maybe a loaf of bread and bunch of grapes.
- Other options could be devotional items like a rosary, prayer book, etc.

Wrapping the Gifts:

Big, generous symbols are key. The gifts should take up space and have presence in the worship space. Refrigerator boxes are not practical, but would be ideal. I've used wardrobe boxes from a moving company or other large boxes. Wrapped in paper and trimmed with bows is ideal. As an alternative, when I did this as a travelling preacher, I used large gift bags and stuffed them with lots of tissue paper and invited the kids to pluck out the tissue rather than tear wrapping paper.

As items are discovered, place them prominently in your worship space to display.