

**Epiphany 1, 2007, January 7
St. John's
Children's Sermon**

Show a flashlight. What is it?

How does it work? Positive, negative ends on battery.

If you put batteries in wrong way-there is no current running between them and the toy or flashlight won't work.

Our lesson from Acts tells us that in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

**Today we are going to baptize Michelle and Kennedy into the church.
And during the service we will all make 2 sets of promises.**

The first set will say that we will get rid of the bad things of our life.

The second set will say we will put the good things into the way we live.

If we do this wrong, like the batteries put in the wrong way, it doesn't work as God intended it.

It is not enough just to get rid of the bad things of our life; bad tempers, bad attitudes, bad judgment, disobeying our parents, telling

falsehoods, taking things that do not belong to us.

We must also put the good things into the way we live; good attitudes, good deeds, good dispositions, sharing what we have, being kind to a new person at school, neighborhood, church, helping someone with something.

Our life as a disciple of Christ asks us to always not do the wrong, but always do the right.

When we do that, like putting the battery in the right way, life works as God intends it.

Amen