

First Communion Make up Work

Lesson #1

We Belong

Parents should use the *Family Guide* to help direct your child to complete the lesson plan. The lesson plan should be printed, completed, and then returned the next class to the sign in table.

This will ensure your child receives credit for the missed class.

Eucharist

Student Lesson



Allen, Texas

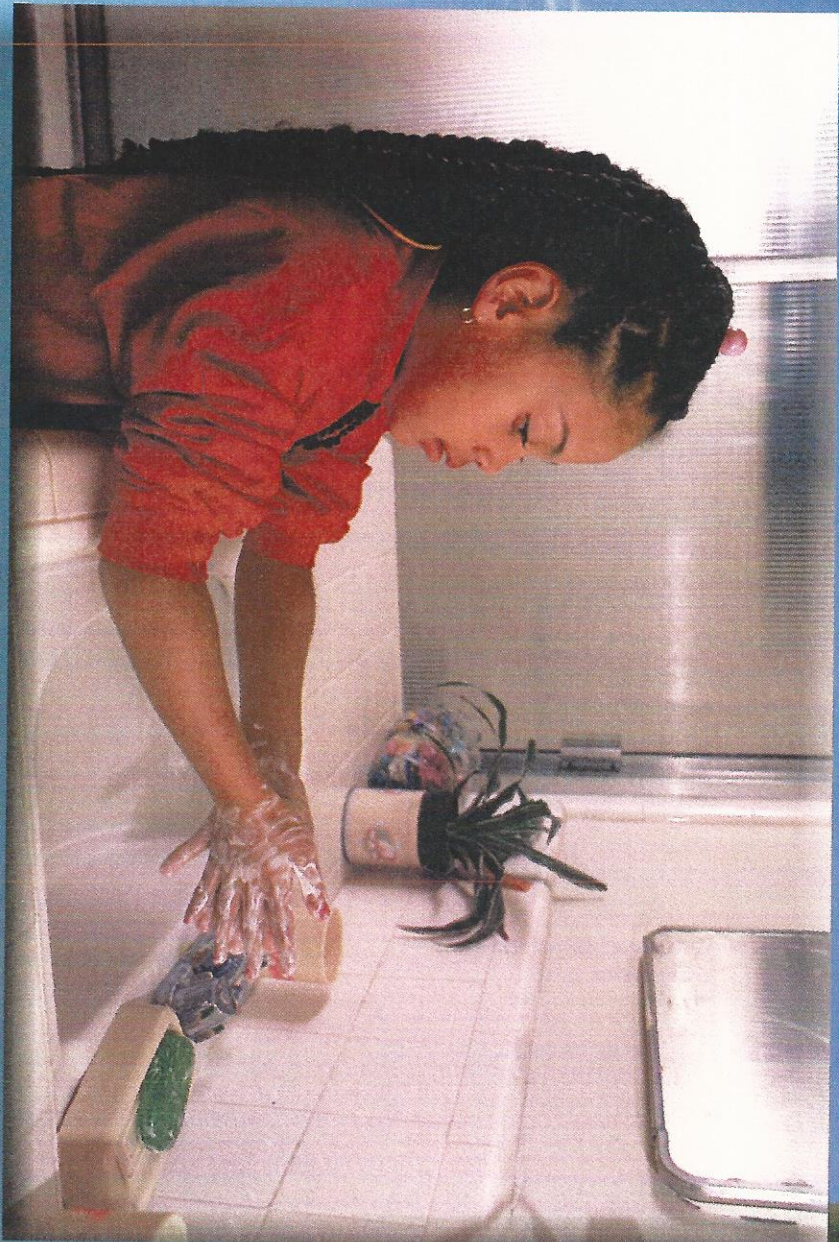
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new revision of the

**ROMAN
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THIRD EDITION

We Belong

Loving God,
thank you for
the gift of Baptism.





Sharing Together

In the opening prayer we blessed ourselves with water. We made the sign of the cross. What was it like for you to bless yourself with water?

How is water part of your life?

As Catholics we often bless ourselves with water and make the sign of the cross. Give one example of a time when you bless yourself with water or make the sign of the cross.

The Baptism of Jesus

In the Bible we read stories about Jesus and water. Read this Bible story. Discover what happened when Jesus came to the Jordan River.

One day Jesus came to the Jordan River.

Seeing John the Baptist in the water, Jesus said to him, "Baptize me as you are baptizing the other people."

John said to Jesus, "You do not need to be baptized."

Jesus answered, "For now, do as I ask you."

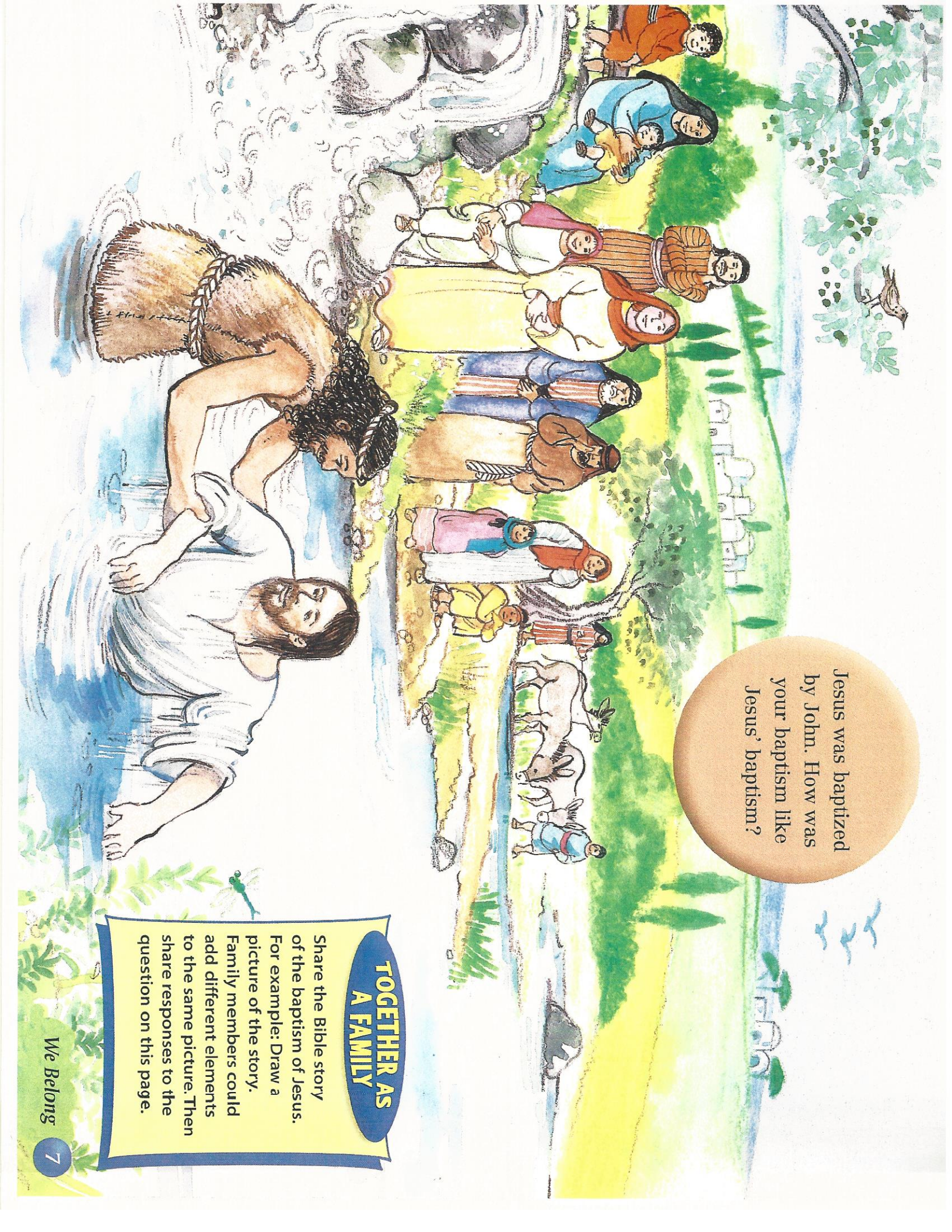
Jesus walked down into the water, and John baptized him. When Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the Spirit of God like a dove come down upon him. Jesus also heard a voice saying, "You are my Son. I love you."

BASED ON MATTHEW 3:13-17

FAITH FOCUS

What happened at the baptism of Jesus?





Jesus was baptized
by John. How was
your baptism like
Jesus' baptism?

**TOGETHER AS
A FAMILY**

Share the Bible story
of the baptism of Jesus.
For example: Draw a
picture of the story.
Family members could
add different elements
to the same picture. Then
share responses to the
question on this page.

Our Baptism

FAITH FOCUS

What happens at Baptism?

WHAT WE SEE AND HEAR

At Baptism we see water, oil, a white garment, and a lighted candle. The oil reminds us that we have been chosen as God's special children. The white garment reminds us that God has given us new life. The lighted candle reminds us that we have received the gift of faith. We bring light to the world when we live our faith.

Just as Jesus was baptized with water, the Church uses water in the sacrament of Baptism. The sacraments are signs of God's love for us. They are celebrations of the Church that Jesus gave to us. Jesus is present with us in the sacraments. The things that we do and the words that we say in a sacrament show that God is sharing his life and love with us.

We become full members of the Church by celebrating three sacraments. These sacraments are called the Sacraments of Initiation. The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Water reminds us of life and living things. Baptism gives us new life. Baptism joins us to Jesus and to all the followers of Jesus. We become members of the Church. Our sins are forgiven. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We receive Baptism only one time.





In Baptism the priest or deacon pours water over our head three times, or lowers us into the water three times. As he does this he says,

“I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Next the priest or deacon rubs blessed oil on the top of our head. We call this anointing. This shows that Baptism marks us as belonging to Jesus forever. We have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity. The name *Trinity* tells what God has told us about himself. There is one God in three Persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is always with us. The Holy Spirit teaches us to pray. The Holy Spirit helps us to know Jesus better. The Holy Spirit teaches us and helps us to live as followers of Jesus.

How does water help you to remember what happens at Baptism?

TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

Share responses to the question on this page. After Mass visit the baptismal font or baptismal pool in your parish church. Bless yourself with water to remember that you are baptized.

Our Confirmation

FAITH FOCUS

What do we celebrate at Confirmation?

The sacrament of Confirmation is the second Sacrament of Initiation. Confirmation strengthens our Baptism. Like Baptism, Confirmation marks us forever as a follower of Christ.

We are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. We receive the grace to live our Baptism. We may receive Confirmation only one time.

At Confirmation the bishop prays that God will bless all those to be confirmed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. He prays that the Holy Spirit will help and guide us to live as children of God and followers of Jesus.

WHAT WE SEE AND HEAR

Chrism is one of the three blessed oils used in the celebration of the sacraments. The other two blessed oils are the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens. The place in the church where the blessed oils are kept is called the ambry.



We come to the bishop with our sponsor. The bishop places his hand on our head. He greets us by name. As he anoints our forehead with chrism he says,

“Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”

We respond, “Amen.”

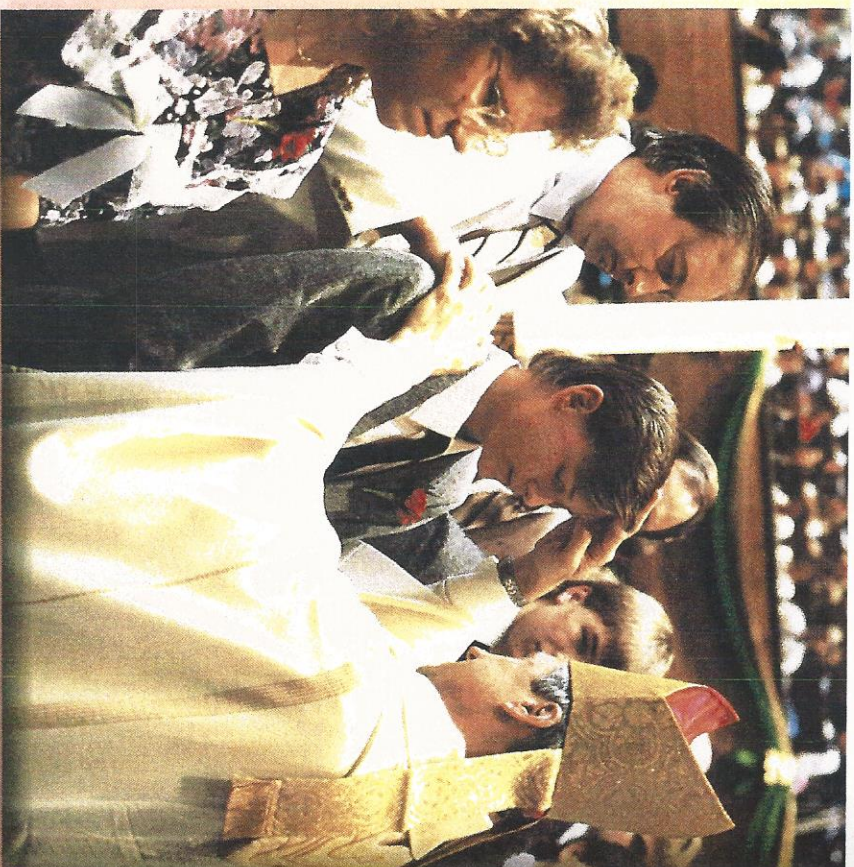
The bishop then says,

“Peace be with you.”

We respond, “And with your spirit.”

The sacrament of the Eucharist is the third Sacrament of Initiation. It joins us most fully with Jesus, the Son of God, and with all the members of the Church. It strengthens us to live as sons and daughters of God.

What happens at Confirmation?



TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

Share responses to the question on this page. This week talk about what it means to belong to the Church. Take time to pray the Apostles' Creed as a family. The Apostles' Creed is found on page 72 of this book.

What Difference Does This Make in My Life?

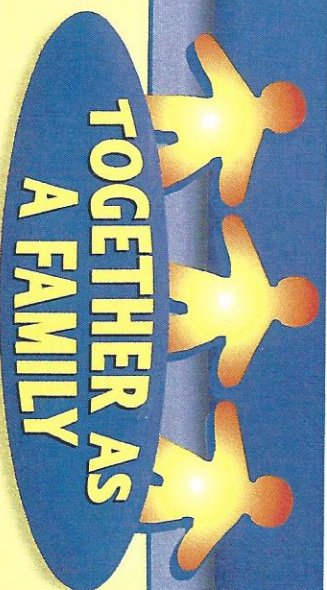
The Church is made up of the followers of Jesus.
We are made followers of Jesus through the
Sacraments of Initiation.

Draw a picture
or write a
story about
how you can
live as a follower
of Jesus.

MY FAITH CHOICE

Talk with someone about
one thing you will do this
week to live as a follower
of Jesus.

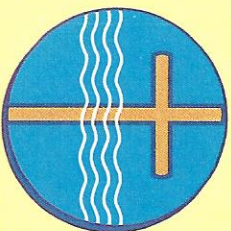




Remembering Together

In this chapter your child learned about Baptism and the difference that being baptized makes in our lives. This is a good time for your family to share stories about family baptisms. Share any mementos with your child. Tell your child all about the day of his or her Baptism! Include:

- the reasons you chose your child's baptismal name
- the date and the name of the church
- the names of the godparents
- the name of the priest or deacon
- the names of the other people who celebrated with your family



Sharing Together

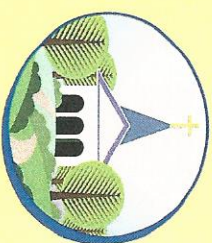
Choose one of these activities to do together or design a similar activity of your own:

- Have family members choose one thing they can do to live as followers of Jesus at home this week. Write and display the list to remind everyone of their choice.
- Make thank-you cards for your child's godparents or someone else who has helped your child grow in faith. Thank them for helping your child grow up as a follower of Jesus.



Visit the RCL Benziger sacraments web site by following the link titled "Sacraments" at www.FaithFirst.com.

Praying Together



Pray this or a similar prayer at family meals or at other family prayer times this week:

God, our loving Father,
through the waters of Baptism
we become followers of Jesus Christ
and members of your Church.

Send us the Holy Spirit

to help us learn to live as your children.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Getting Ready Together

At the beginning of Mass, we bless ourselves by praying the Sign of the Cross. We remember our Baptism. We profess our belief in the Holy Trinity. We identify ourselves as followers of Christ.

This is an appropriate time to talk about and to practice praying the Sign of the Cross with your child. Praying the Sign of the Cross with meaning will help your child participate in the celebration of Mass.

The Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord

Matthew 3:13-17

Today is the feast of the baptism of the Lord. When John was baptizing in the Jordan, Jesus came to him and asked to be baptized. Then something wonderful happened. Do you remember what it was? Review the story by filling in the blanks below. All the words you will need are in the word search puzzle and in the list below.

Jesus was coming from _____.

John was _____ in the _____.

(The Jordan is a _____.) Jesus asked John to baptize him.

When John tried to _____, Jesus asked him to give in for now.

Jesus said it would fulfill the demands of _____.

When Jesus was baptized, the sky was _____.

The _____ of God descended like a _____.

A _____ came from the _____ and said:

“This is my beloved _____, my _____ rests on him.”

The first reading today was from Isaiah. We believe that it tells us what Jesus would be like. He is called the _____ of God who will bring _____ to the _____. It says he will open the eyes of the _____ and free _____. You will find these words in the word search also.

For Family Discussion

Share stories about the baptisms of everyone in the family. Parents, why did you want your children to be baptized? Children, if you have the opportunity, go and celebrate a baptism in your parish. Listen to what the parents say when the priest or deacon asks what they are asking for this child.

For Memory

“Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased.”

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The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

John Baptizes Jesus
Matthew 3, Luke 2, John 1

