

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter examines the signs and symbols of Baptism and explains that baptized people are children of God and members of the Church.

God's Word



Read **Mark 16:15–16** to learn about who is saved by Jesus Christ.

Catholics Believe

- Grace is God's gift of a share in his life and help.
- Baptism is the Sacrament in which a person is immersed in water or has water poured on him or her. Baptism brings new life in God and makes the person a member of the Church.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1277–1282 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Moses the Black, a former robber in what is now Egypt, who became a dedicated monk and priest.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Baptism Children at this age are very curious about Baptisms. There is always excitement when children this age are permitted to come near the baptismal font as someone is being baptized. They are intrigued by the pouring of the water. They are also able to understand that through the ritual actions and words of the rite, something deeper is occurring. Talk about your memories of your child's Baptism, and show him or her photos from that special day.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How true is it for you that when you married your spouse you married his or her family?

One of the great joys and challenges of the first year of marriage is realizing that you are part of an entire "other" family. You married one person, but received a whole family. In Baptism, when we enter into divine life, by becoming one with Christ, we also received a whole family—the Church. "A person is initiated into God's people not by physical birth, but by a spiritual birth through faith in Christ and Baptism" (*USCCA, p. 116*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name some ways he or she welcomes people at home.
- Talk about some ways God has called you and name some things you've done to answer God's call.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear Jesus, thank you for making us a part of your family through Baptism. Amen.



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