

**Gospel Reflection for the Feast of the
Baptism of the Lord**

Ages 5-6

Matthew 3:13-17

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

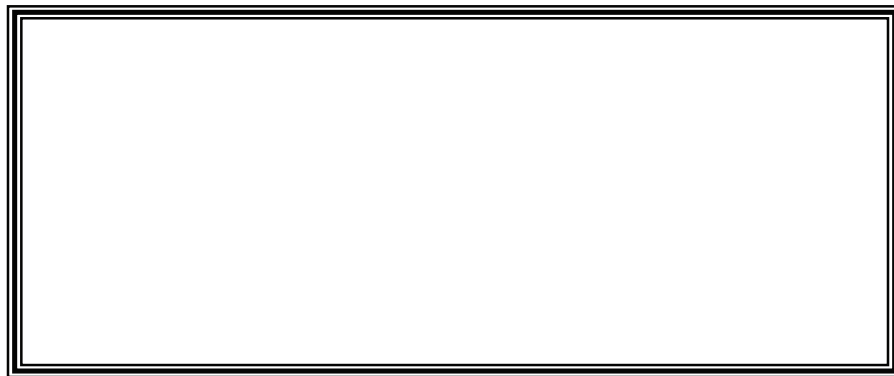
Listening



**“THIS IS MY SON.
I AM WELL PLEASED WITH HIM.”**

Loving

Draw a picture of something you do to please God.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving me. Amen.

Living

- Ask a family member to tell you the story about when you were born. Look at pictures of both occasions. What did you look like? How much did you weigh? How long were you? When you came home for the first time, what happened? Now tell the story of your Baptism. When you were born and when you were baptized, God and your family promised to take care for you forever.
- Make a card for your parents. Promise to do one thing that will please them. Thank them for giving you life.

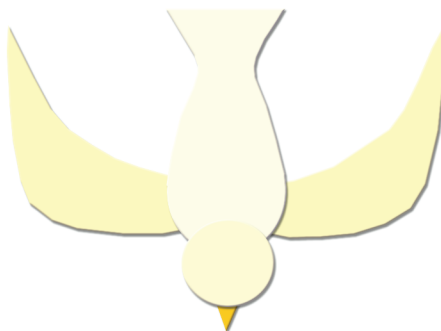
Ages 7-8

Matthew 3:13-17

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening



And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:16-17

Loving

Can you imagine God telling you that he was pleased with you?
God really did say those words to you when you were baptized.

How do your family members or friends show you they are pleased with you? What do you say when others say or show that they are pleased with you?

Prayer

Thank you God for loving me. Holy Spirit, show me how to love others. Amen.

Living

- Write one of your family members a note. Tell them how they make you happy. Say thank you.
- Make a promise to show someone you are happy being with them at least once a day this week.

Gospel Reflection for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Ages 9-11

Matthew 3:13-17

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:13-17

Loving

- How does God show he is pleased with you?
- How do others from your family, from your school, from your church show they are pleased with you?

All three Persons of the Trinity are in this scene:

God the Father who speaks from heaven

Through **His Spirit** in the form of a dove,

about the pleasure he has with his **Son, Jesus**.

They are present at our Baptism too. They come to live in us. We are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer

Join hands and pray the Lord's Prayer.

Living

Write two actions you will take this week to show you are pleased with a member of your family or a friend.

Gospel Reflection for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Ages 12-14

Matthew 3:13-17

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:13-17

Loving

- How many times in the past week has someone indicated they were pleased with you/displeased?
- How did their words or actions impact you?
- List as many reasons as you can why God the Father would say “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”
- How does God show he is pleased with you?
- How do you let others know you are pleased with them?

All three Persons of the Trinity are in the scene of Jesus’ Baptism. Each of them was also present at your Baptism and continues to be present with you today.

Prayer

God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, remain with me that I will continue to be pleasing to you. Amen.

Living

Write two actions you will take this week to show you are pleased with a member of your family or a friend.
