

Reflections for The Baptism of the Lord

Ages 5-6

Mark 1:7–11

Invitation to Prayer

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

Listening

I LOVE YOU

Loving

Draw a picture of a heart.

Color the heart.

The picture of the heart means love.

Name the people who love you.

Name the people you love.

God loves you, too. He wants to fill your heart with love.

Prayer

Thank you God for loving me and giving me people who love me.

Living

- At home display your picture where it can remind you about love.
- Practice saying the prayer on your handout.

Ages 7-8

Mark 1:7-11

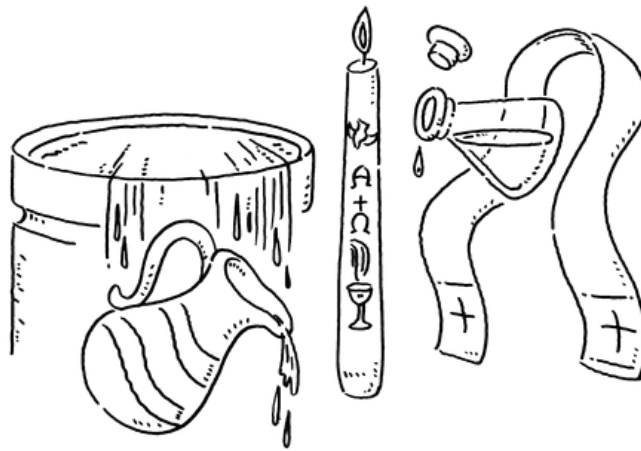
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Listening

**I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Loving



WATER

LIGHT

SPIRIT

Color the picture.

Can you name the items in the picture?

These are some of the items we use to baptize a new member of the Church.

Have you been present at a Baptism?

What did you see?

Baptism made you a child of God in the community of Jesus Christ.

It is a sign of how much God loves you.

Prayer

Thank you God for my Baptism.

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Living

- At home show your family the picture of some of the things used at a Baptism. Have a family discussion about your Baptism.
- Draw a picture of those who were present at your Baptism celebration.

Ages 9-11

Mark 1:7–11

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Listening

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:9–11

Loving

As the Gospel is reread, imagine you are standing in Jesus' place and being baptized by John in the Jordan River. How do you feel about your choice to have your cousin, John baptize you? When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you hear the words from heaven "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased," how do you feel? What will you do this week to live as a loved and special son or daughter of God?

Living

- If there are pictures of your Baptism, take them out and talk about who was present. Ask a family member that was there how he or she felt when you were baptized.

Write down two actions you can take this week to live as a loved and special son or daughter of God?

Ages 12-14

Mark 1:7–11

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Listening

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Mark 1:9–11

Loving

As the Gospel is reread, imagine you are in the crowd when Jesus is being baptized by John in the Jordan River. As the event unfolds, what are you seeing, feeling, and thinking? Think about your own Baptism and compare it to Jesus' Baptism. At your Baptism you were brought into the community of Jesus Christ, the Church. Who brought you? What did they say about you? What do you do to show others that you are a beloved child of God?

Exchange a Sign of Peace with the others in your group.

Living

- If there are pictures of your Baptism, take them out and talk about who was present. Ask a family member who was there how they felt when you were baptized.
- Write four actions you can take this week to show that being a Christian makes a difference to you, your family, your friends, and your parish.
 - Baptism makes a difference to me, so I will...
 - Baptism makes a difference to my family, so I will...
 - Baptism makes a difference to my friends, so I will...
 - Baptism makes a difference to my parish, so I will...