

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter discusses the words and actions of the Sacraments of Initiation which celebrate membership into the Catholic Church: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

God's Word



Read **1 Peter 2:9–10** to read how we are all part of God's family.

Catholics Believe

- Baptism removes Original Sin, forgives personal sin, and gives new life in Christ. Confirmation seals and completes Baptism.
- In the Eucharist, Jesus shares himself with us, giving us the gift of his Body and Blood.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1212, 1271, 1323 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint John the Baptist who baptized Jesus. Share pictures from your own family Baptisms.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Sacraments of Initiation

Because children this age are just beginning to form social groups and understand what it means to belong to a community, this is an ideal time for your child to understand the Sacraments of Initiation as the way in which one enters the Church community. While many children this age will not remember their Baptism, most of them will have celebrated another Sacrament of Christian Initiation, Eucharist, for the first time just last year. Their continued celebration of Eucharist reinforces their participation at the family table.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you think of your Baptism as an event, or the beginning of a relationship?

While many of us think of Baptism as a happy event that happened in our lives or the lives of our children, we often do not see it as a moment that began a life of relationship, much like a wedding. Baptism sets us on a lifetime journey of growing ever more deeply in our knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. "In Baptism, the Holy Spirit moves us to answer Christ's call to holiness. In Baptism, we are asked to walk by the light of Christ and to trust in his wisdom. We are invited to submit our hearts to Christ with ever deeper love" (*USCCA p. 196*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Talk about the ways that your family celebrates new beginnings.
- Ask your child to name some ways he or she can welcome new members of the Church.

LET'S PRAY >>>



John the Baptist, pray for us, that we may continue to live the faith we received at Baptism and share that faith with others. Amen.



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