

# Family Page



Jesus' baptism was God the Father's way of announcing the entry of his Son's saving work in the world. Our own baptisms immerse each of us in this same saving work. Help the children to understand what their baptisms mean and to recognize the importance of that day to their Christian lives.

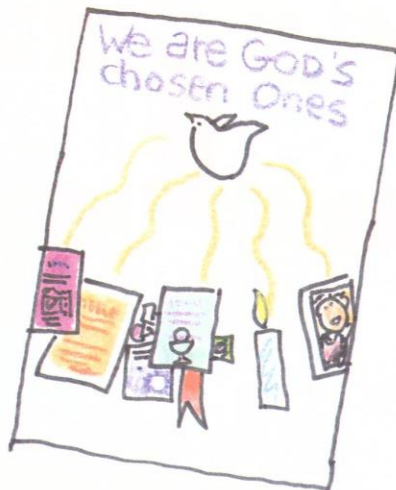


**1** Make a collage of the children's spiritual and physical progress beginning on the day of their baptisms, using available photographs, documents, cards, or any other remembrances you have. Important days to recall could be the first day of school, first Communion day, special school projects the children were involved in, Christmas celebrations, birthdays, and so forth.

**2** You will need a poster board and magic markers or crayons. Across the top of the poster write the words, "WE ARE GOD'S CHOSEN ONES." Paste a cutout picture or a drawing of a dove below the letters with streamers coming down to each of the items on the board.

**3** Attach all the items to the board according to date, and write a caption to explain the significance to each child's growth.

**4** Discuss with the children how much they have grown in their love for God since the day of their baptisms.



# explaining GOD'S WORD

Baptism of the Lord (C) • Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 • January 9, 2022



## John Baptizes Jesus

Before Jesus began his saving work in our world, he went to John the Baptist to be baptized in the Jordan.



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Down: 1. JESUS 2. DOME Across: 1. JOHN 3. CLOUDS 4. WATER  
Answers to "Scripture Crossword":



# YOU BEGIN A SPECIAL WORK

This week's gospel story tells the beautiful story of how Jesus came to be baptized by John the Baptist.

Suddenly the Holy Spirit appeared and God spoke to the people: "This is my beloved Son." Jesus was ready for the special work the Father had sent him to do. He would teach the people about God's love. He would heal their hurts and forgive them for their sins. And he would enable his apostles to do this work when he was gone.

A long time ago, you were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Just like Jesus, you are chosen for special work. Just like Jesus, the Holy Spirit will guide you in everything you choose to do.

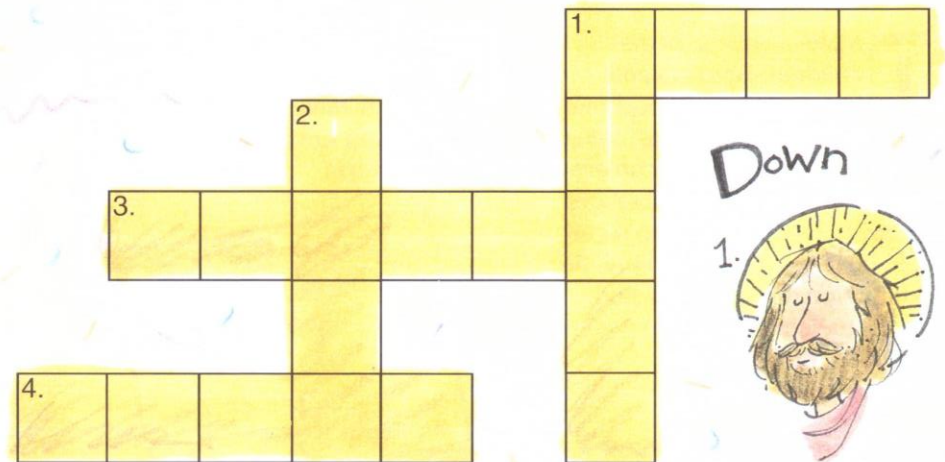
What will that special work be? Maybe you will get married and raise children who love God. Maybe you will become a priest or nun and teach others about Jesus. Maybe you will heal the hurts and comfort the sorrows of others.



Getting ready for this special work began on your baptism day. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit will help you along the way as you grow in prayer and love.

## Scripture Crossword

Fill in the blanks in the crossword puzzle with the names of the people or things pictured.



Down



Across

