

Family Page

This week, as you celebrate God's public announcement of the person and mission of Jesus, help each member of your family to recognize himself or herself as someone very special to God.



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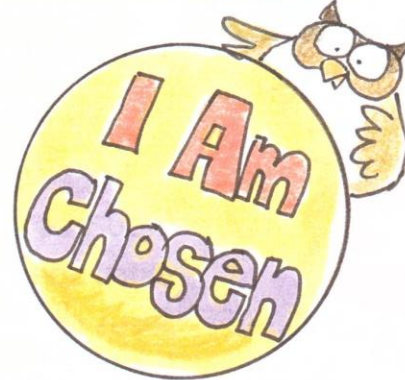
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- 1 Discuss the following things with the children.

You are special to God. God has chosen you to do things that no one else in the whole world can do. No one else can love in exactly the same way as you can love. No one else smiles and laughs and plays like you do. No one else knows how to help others like you do.

- 2 Discuss the ways in which each person in the family is special.

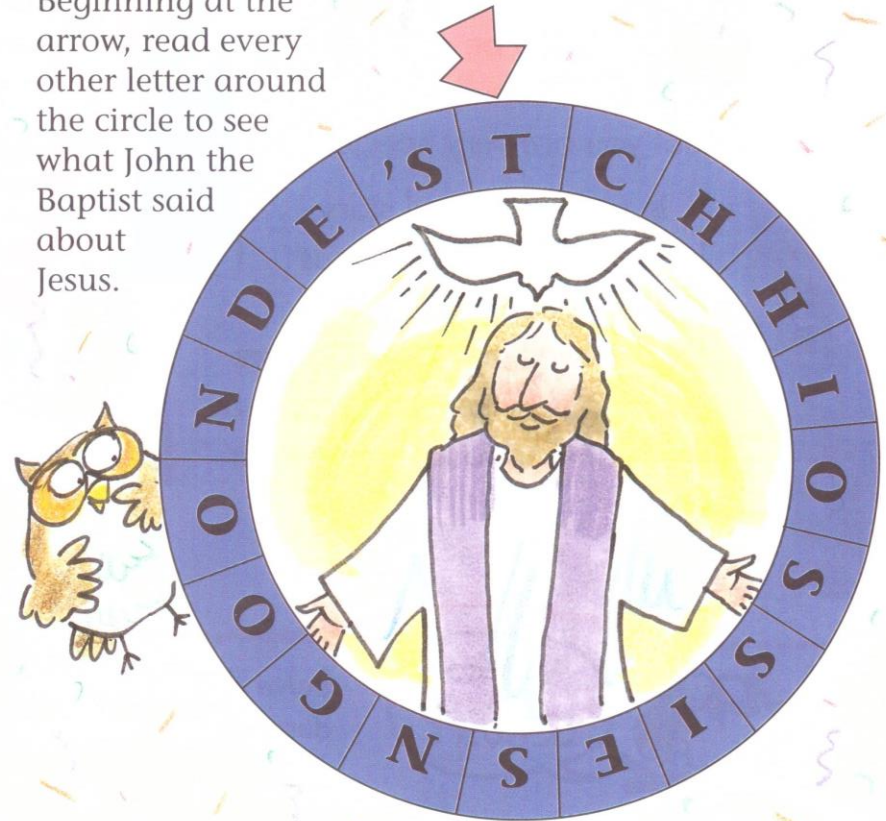
- 3 Make I AM CHOSEN buttons for each member of the family to wear.



Copy the pattern on this page onto heavy cardboard. Color your buttons with magic marker or crayons. Tape a small safety pin to the back of your buttons.

- 4 Learn and say the following prayer every day this week.

Beginning at the arrow, read every other letter around the circle to see what John the Baptist said about Jesus.



Prayer To Follow God's Will

Heavenly Father, thank you for choosing me. Help me to know what you want me to do this day. Show me the times when I can give a special kind of love to friends and neighbors. Jesus never refused you anything, no matter how hard it was. Make me brave enough and wise enough to follow in his footsteps. I ask this in his name. Amen

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 LAMP + EAR - PEAR + R + BUG - RUG = LAMB
 Answer to Who Is Jesus? Rebus:
 THIS IS GOD'S CHOSEN ONE
 Answer to Circle Puzzle:

Chosen By God

Marci was proud and happy. Her teacher had chosen her for a very special award. On parents' night, the teacher told everyone how hard Marci had worked on her studies all that year.

It's nice to be chosen, to know that someone thinks that you are very special.

In today's gospel story, John the Baptist sees Jesus walking out in the desert. John tells all the people, "Here comes a very special person, a Lamb of God to take away our sins."



John knew Jesus was special because **GOD TOLD HIM!** The Holy Spirit came down, like a beautiful snow-white dove, and John said, "This is God's chosen One."

To be chosen by God is extra special! But Jesus knew that being chosen meant he would have to do the special work he was chosen for.

Now here's a wonderful surprise. God has also chosen **YOU!** You are extra special too. Will you try hard like Jesus did to be as wonderful as God knows you are?

Live and love and serve God in everything you do, and you will be the special child God made you to be.



Who is Jesus?

Solve the rebus below and you will see the name John called Jesus in the desert. Every week at Mass, we give Jesus this name at Communion time.

