



The Baptism of Jesus

Mark 1: 4-11

Gather: Sit in a circle with your family, and join hands while you say the opening prayer.
“Dear God, we are so thankful for this wonderful day. Thank you for our family, friends, and many blessings. Please watch over us, and be with those who are not with us that they may feel your love. Amen.”

Lesson: Happy New Year! It is a new year, and it is also a new church season. This is the first Sunday of Epiphany, which is a Greek word that means to “manifest” or “show.” The whole season of Epiphany celebrates how God is revealed to the world in the person of Jesus. This Sunday we remember when Jesus’s identity was shown during the baptism with John the Baptist.
Click the lesson link on the web site to hear this story.



As John was baptizing Jesus an amazing thing happened. The heavens opened up, and the Spirit came down on Jesus in the form of a dove. A voice said, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” God showed John the Baptist and all the people that Jesus was his only Son and the Messiah they had been waiting for.

Did you know when we are baptized we become a part of God’s family, and we too are his sons and daughters? Through baptism we are filled with the Holy Spirit, and God lives in our hearts forever!

Craft: Click the craft video on the web site to learn how to draw a dove.
Hang it in your window for all to see!



Activity: Have fun doing a crossword puzzle by downloading the lesson activity from the web site.