

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22

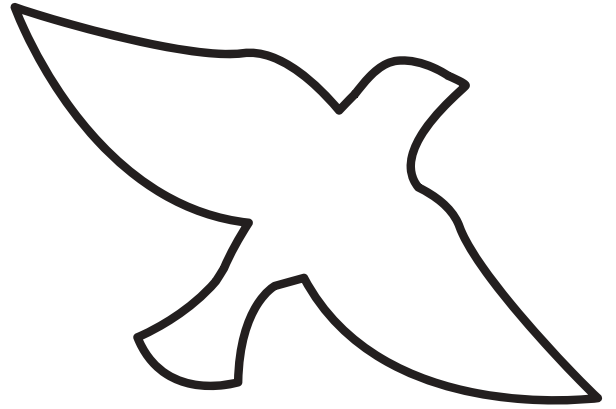
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Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, an important moment in Jesus' public ministry. We join the crowd along the Jordan River as they watch John the Baptist and wonder if he might be the Christ for whom they had been



waiting. John answers this question, explaining that it was a special Messiah they sought. One who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit and fire.

After everyone was baptized, Jesus came forward to be baptized. Then a voice came down from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

FOR MORE FUN

- ★ Take the time this week to talk to your family about your baptism. Who was there? Who are your godparents and why? If you can find your baptismal candle, light it and read this Gospel together!
- ★ When we are baptized, we become not only a part of the Church, but part of the Body of Christ here on earth today! The lyrics in a popular song, "I wanna be your hands, I want to be your feet," express that Jesus is looking to us as baptized Catholics to be his hands and feet, heart and ears in the world today.
- ★ Think about something this week you can do for Jesus! Who can you help? Maybe pitch in with chores or sit with a neighbor or new kid at school! Whatever it may be, find a tangible something you can do to show your Baptismal faith!