



Week 12 - The Baptism of Our Lord

Parents - Instructions: Before beginning this lesson, please take a few minutes together as a couple, or by yourself, to read and reflect on the “Scripture Reading” and “Discussion Questions”. Next, read the Scripture passage and the lesson to/with your child(ren). Then, as a family, discuss a few of the questions. Parents, please be sure to share *your* answers, thoughts, and questions with your child(ren) as well. It’s ok to not know everything about our faith. Your parish leadership is happy to help you find answers.

Scripture Reading: [Mt 3:13-16](#)

Virtue: Openness to the Holy Spirit

“God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.”
~ Romans 5:5

Theme: Living as the Beloved

Parents - Read to/with Child(ren):

Today we hear about Jesus getting baptized. This may seem a little odd to us, as it did to John the Baptist. Jesus is free from sin, why would he need to be baptized? Jesus chose to be baptized to become the model for us. When we are baptized, we are baptized INTO the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and this changes everything!

When Jesus comes up from the water, all three persons of the Trinity make themselves known. The voice of the Father is heard and the Holy Spirit appears in the form of a dove, revealing the truth that Jesus is the Son of God. This moment becomes our model for baptism, confirmation, and the Christian life. We too receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptized and when we are confirmed he is stirred up and made even more powerful within us!

Because we have become the brothers and sisters of Jesus, the words of God the Father spoken to Jesus are also spoken to us. God says to us, “This is my BELOVED [child] with whom I am well PLEASED.” God is pleased with us! We are his beloved! So many people in our world forget this. Each day we should take a moment to receive God’s love. Then respond to that love by loving God and ourselves as God loves us. And as we spend time living in this love we have received, let’s try to truly become that love for the world!

Discussion Questions (to help start the family conversation)

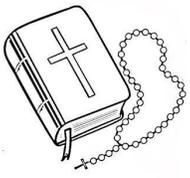
Young Child(ren) (& 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Students)

1. Why is it important that we see ourselves as beloved children of God?
2. What one thing can you do tomorrow to live more fully as the beloved?

Older Child(ren) (& Confirmation Students)

1. How can knowing that we are the beloved children of God protect us from fear and anger?
2. What does it mean to become the love that we have received?

Prayer: Each day this week, as a family, please pray the **Hail Mary**. Also one day this week pray one **Decade of the Rosary** reflecting on this Mystery of Light: The Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan River.



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