

# Baptized in Christ

## Craft for Chapter One of Confirmation Preparation

This craft allows your child to construct a scene from a Baptism—including a young person (boy or girl), a table, and pictures of the signs and symbols used in a Baptism.

- 1. Color all the items.** As you color, talk about how that item is used in a baptism (keep the white garment white!).
- 2. Cut out the pieces,** making sure to leave tabs on so that some of the items can stand up. And tape/glue tabs together.
- 3. Fold the table as instructed,** use tape or glue or paper clip to hold the table together. Put shell, towel, oils and water on the table.
- 4. Put the white garment on the boy or girl.** Tape the candle to the person's hand (tape allows your child to remove it and put it back on as they re-enact a baptism).
- 5. Have your child act out the steps of the Sacrament of Baptism with their set.** Have him/her tell you about what each symbol means. Record your child telling the story of a Baptism and send it to his/her godparents or grandparents—giving people important to your child a change to affirm and praise him/her!



# The Rite of Baptism

<b>What Happens</b>	<b>Meaning of Symbol/Sign</b>	<b>Why it's Important</b>
<b>1. Sign of the Cross &amp; Announcement of Child's Name</b>	Sign of the Cross—confess our faith in the Most Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and in Jesus' victory over sin and death on the cross.	<i>God knows us and calls us each by name—we are unique creations and God loves us in a unique way.</i>
<b>2. Questioning of the Parents/Godparents and marking child with Sign of the Cross &amp; Oil of Catechumens</b>	The Parents and Godparents must say that they are freely choosing to baptize the child and that they will raise the child as a Catholic; the child is claimed for Christ and the oil is a sign of Christ's protection as we fight the battle against evil.	<i>When the sign of the cross is traced on us, we are claimed for Christ—we belong to Him and no one can take us away from Him. When we belong to Jesus, we become enemies of Satan—we are anointed as a sign of God's protection and of our strength to win the battle.</i>
<b>3. Blessing of Water and Profession of Faith</b>	The priest/deacon blesses the water and asks the Holy Spirit to come upon it—the Holy Water is a sign of cleansing and dying to sin, and of being born into new life. The parents and godparents renew their own Baptismal promises and speak for the child—they are promising to raise the child in this faith.	<i>When we enter the waters of Baptism, it is a sign of God's covenant that He began at Creation. We join Jesus in dying to sin and rising to new life—we live Christ's life. This new life demands our obedience to God—we belong to God and He is our Father, so we agree to live by His rules.</i>
<b>4. Baptism of child</b>	The child is either immersed (dipped) in the water or the water is poured over the child's head. The priest/deacon says, "(Name), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."	<i>When we are Baptized, we become a beloved child of God, a brother/sister of Jesus Christ, and a Temple of the Holy Spirit. This new life makes us citizens of heaven—and pours God's grace into us.</i>
<b>5. Anointing with Sacred Chrism</b>	Sacred Chrism is rubbed onto the crown (top) of the child's head. We become "Christians" ("little anointed ones") who take on the mission of Jesus in the world to be priest, prophet and king.	<i>As a brother/sister of Jesus Christ, we are to continue Jesus' mission in the world—we are priests (offering sacrifice and prayer), prophets (speaking God's truth) and kings (free from slavery to sin and free to serve).</i>
<b>6. Clothing in White Garment</b>	The white garment points to our heavenly home—we belong to the Church and are destined to be a saint in heaven. The white garment is a sign of the purity and beauty of our souls—wiped clean of sin and filled with the grace of God.	<i>Jesus tells us that we need to live IN the world, but we are not OF the world—we think and choose and act as citizens of heaven. We are challenged to keep the purity of our souls unstained by sin. When we do sin, we go to Confession and our soul is restored to its purity after Baptism.</i>
<b>7. Presentation of Candle</b>	The candle is a sign of the light of Christ that now shines in the soul of the newly baptized. It is also a sign that we are to shine the light of Christ out in the world.	<i>Jesus tells us that we are the light of the world—and that our light should shine before all so that God will be glorified. The Holy Spirit fills our souls with the light of God's love.</i>
<b>8. Lord's Prayer and Blessing of Parents</b>	All join in praying the Our Father as a sign of being disciples of Jesus Christ who worship together; the parents receive a special blessing to remind them that God is going to help them and that the community will support them as Christian parents.	<i>As Catholic Christians, we know that God loves each one of us in a particular way AND that He wants us to gather as His family with each other. We pray together because we are ONE Body in Christ.</i>

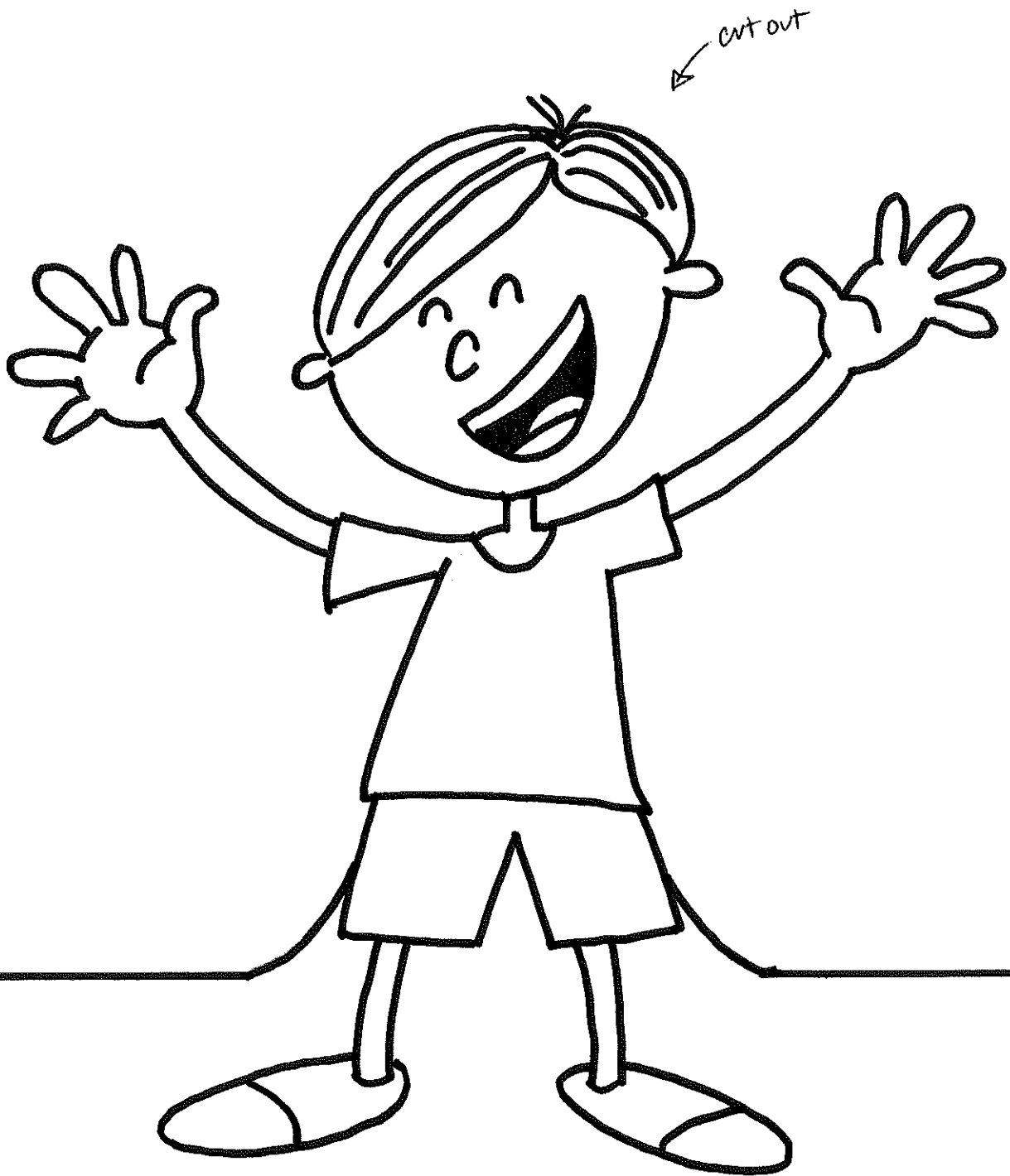


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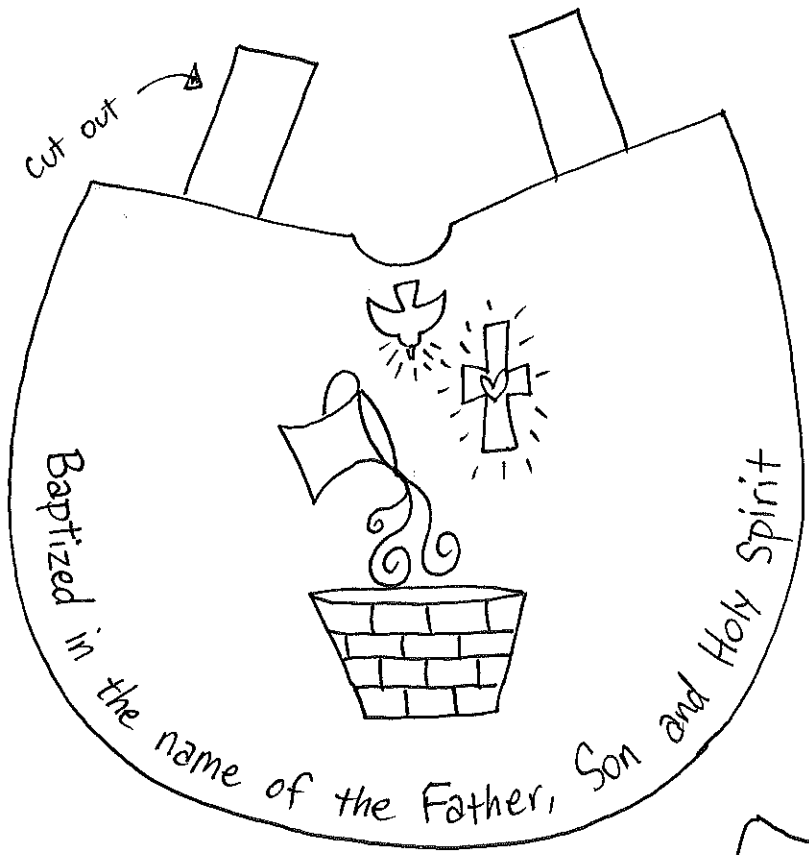
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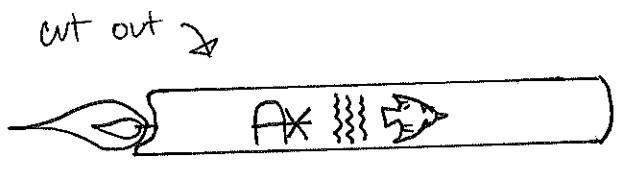


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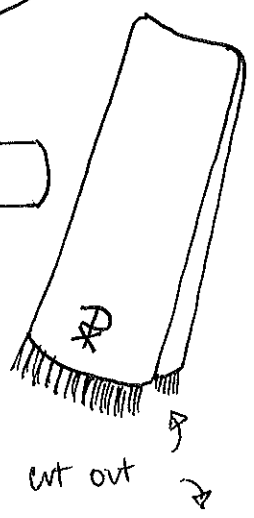
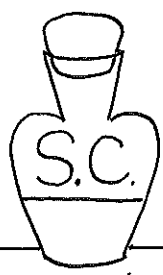
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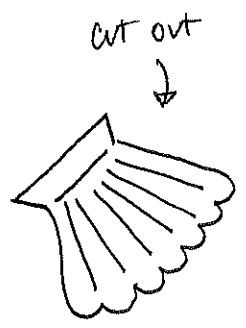
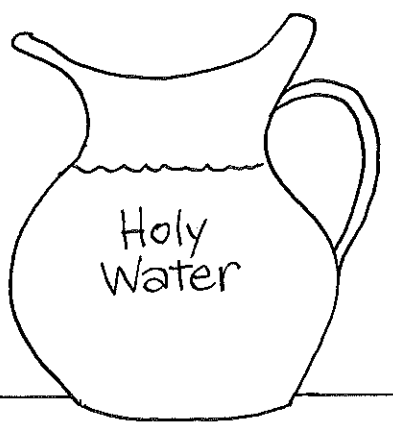
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Sacred Chrism

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