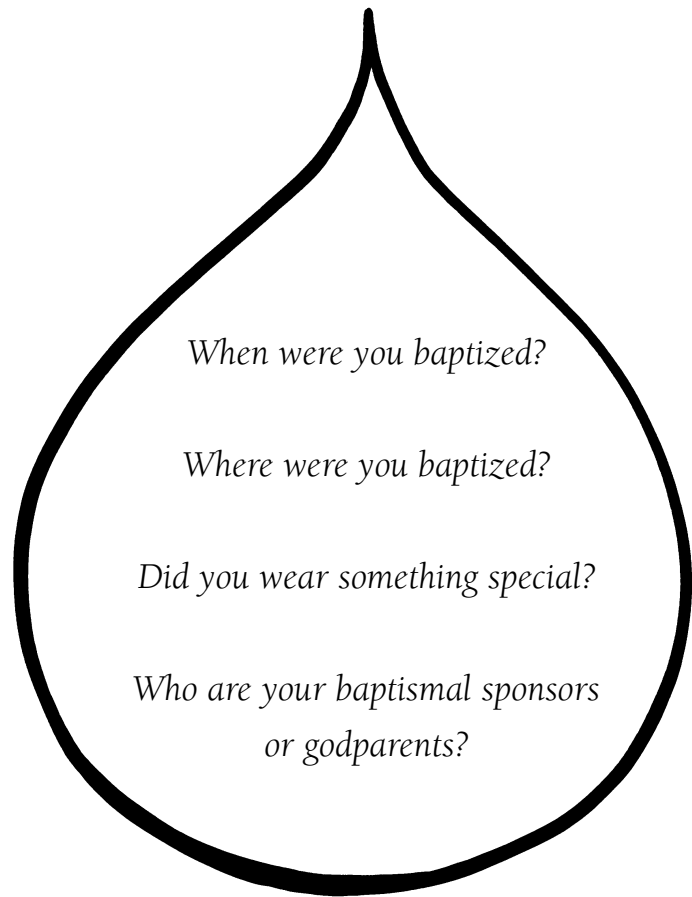


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Your baptism

Have you been baptized? Ask a family member help you answer these questions about your baptism:



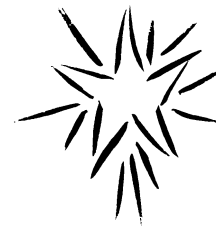
*Thank you, God, for making us your children through baptism.
Amen*

This week

Mark your family's baptismal birthdays on the calendar. Plan to celebrate each one.

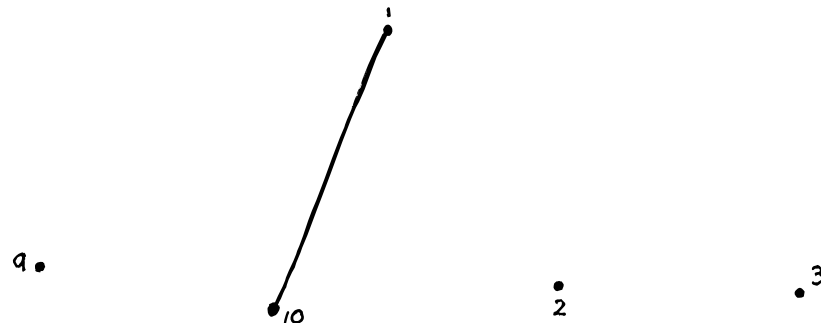
Kids Celebrate

Baptism of Our Lord



gather

Welcome to worship.



Today is the first Sunday in the church season called Epiphany. Epiphany is also called the season of light. The Bible stories during Epiphany teach us how Jesus filled the world with the light of God's love. Connect the dots to find a church symbol for Epiphany. Why is this a good symbol for light?

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What did you learn about Jesus today in worship?

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Jesus' baptism

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Use the pictures to help you read the story.



John the Baptizer




baptized

Jesus

dove



many people in the Jordan River.

One day  came to  to be  .

When    , heaven opened.

A  flew down . The  , the Holy Spirit

of God, came down on  . A voice from

heaven said to  , "You are my beloved Son.

I am pleased with you."

Baptism

When we are baptized, we are welcomed into God's family through water and God's word. At a baptism, the pastor might light a candle and say to the person being baptized, "Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven."



Circle the drops of water hidden here. Can you find four of them?

After worship, visit the baptismal font with your family. Dip your finger into the water. With one wet finger, make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder that you are God's child.



Find Your Font!

Did you know? One symbol of the Baptism of Our Lord is an 8-pointed star. The number 8 can represent baptism, so many baptismal fonts are octagonal. Find your church's baptismal font and draw a picture of it in the drop of water on the left. In the droplet on the right, draw the face of someone who was present at your baptism.



READER

Baptism of Our Lord

- Today is the **Baptism of Our Lord**, the first Sunday after **Epiphany**.
- **Jesus began his ministry** after he was baptized by John the Baptist.
- Baptism comes from a Greek word meaning **to immerse or to wash**.

Star Sketcher

The symbol of Epiphany is a star or a burst of light. Look through the telescope. How many kinds of stars can you draw in this night sky?



Someone tried to send the memory verse to you—but her fingers were one letter to the right on the keyboard! (For example, every S should be an A.) Use the keyboard on the facing page to figure out what the memory verse should say.

Memory Verse



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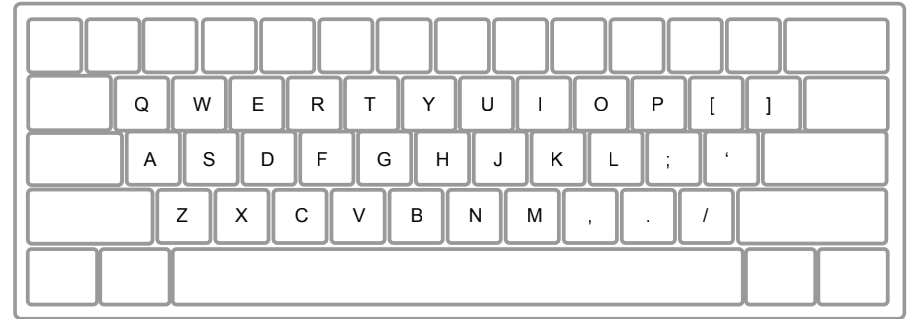
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Winnow Away

John talks about “winnowing” in today’s Gospel story. He says that it separates wheat from “chaff.” Chaff is the hard outer shell of the grain that people can’t eat. If you throw the seeds up in the air with a winnowing fork, the chaff will blow away in the wind. **Find** and **circle** all the good grains in the mixture. Then **count** them, and **draw** the right number inside the barn.



In Luke 3:16, John the Baptist promises that Jesus “will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

See this happen in Acts 2:1-4, when the Holy Spirit comes to the Apostles as flames instead of as a dove. This fire lets the Apostles “speak in other

languages.” Do you know any words in other languages?

Write them here:

_____ means _____

_____ means _____

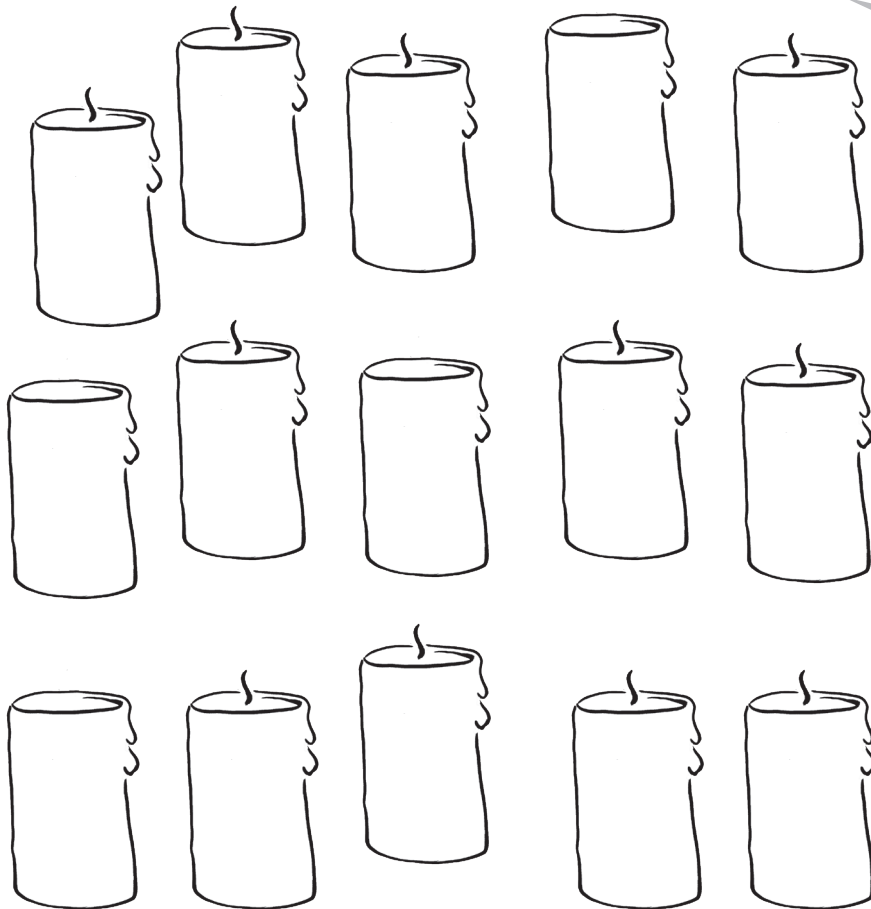
_____ means _____

_____ means _____

_____ means _____

An acolyte needs to light the candles, but some of their wicks are missing!

**Add wicks to the candles that need them.
Then light all the candles.**



How many candles do you count in *your* worship space?

Write the number here: _____

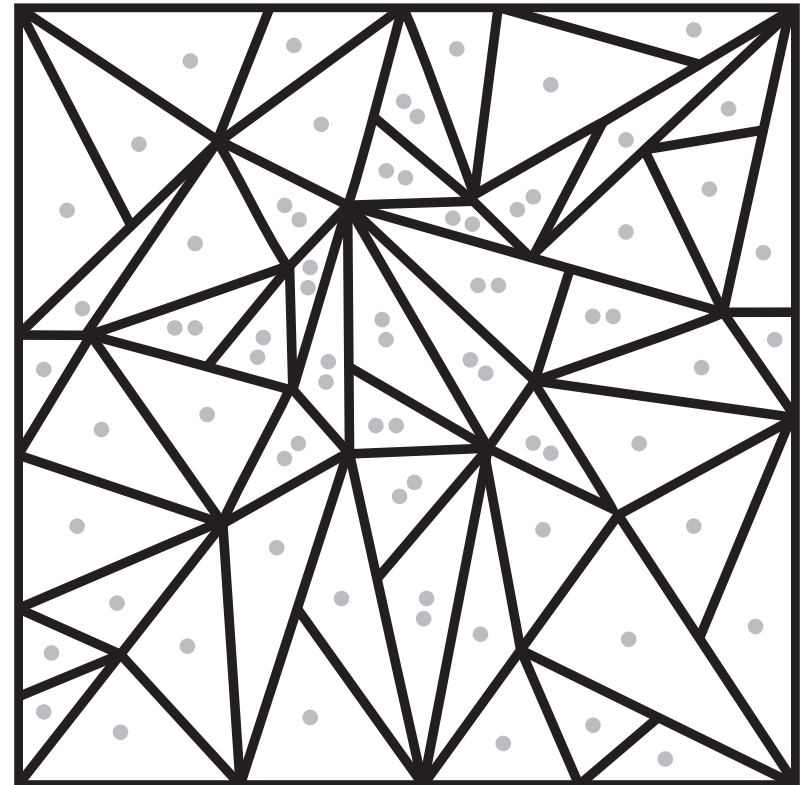


PRE-READER

Baptism of Our Lord

- Today is called the **Baptism of Our Lord**, the first Sunday after Epiphany.
- Today we remember that Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. We also **remember our own baptisms**.
- The color of the Baptism of Our Lord is **white**.

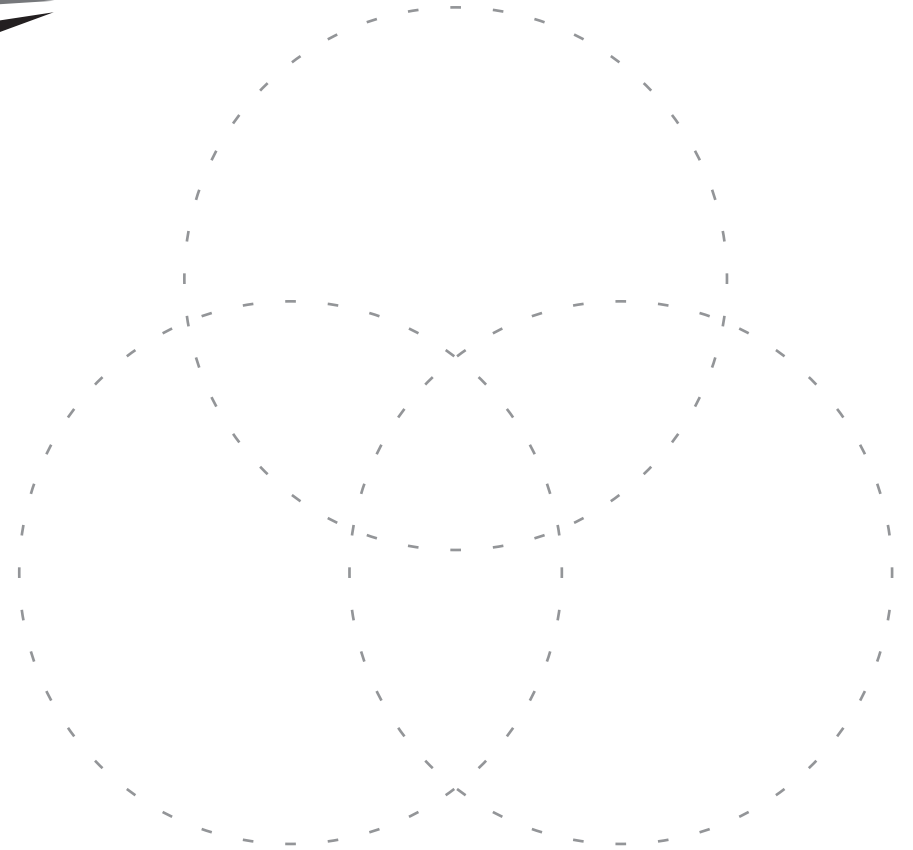
Color every triangle with two dots yellow and every triangle with one dot blue. You'll find a symbol of Epiphany.





Today's Gospel shows all three parts of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Color the dashes to make a symbol of the Trinity.



When he splashed up out of the river, Jesus saw the skies open up and he saw God's Spirit! It looked like a dove.

