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Jesus, our light, shows us how to grow in caring for ourselves, others, and our world.

Color the pictures of the activities you can do during Epiphany.

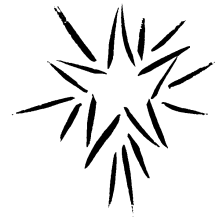


This week

Make a paper banner that says “20 + C M B + XX” to hang over your door as a new year blessing, but instead of the XX, put the last two numbers of this year. C M B stands for the Latin blessing *Christe mansionem benedica* (Christ bless this house). The letters are surrounded by the new year date. Pray that Christ will be with you throughout the year.

Kids Celebrate

Epiphany of Our Lord

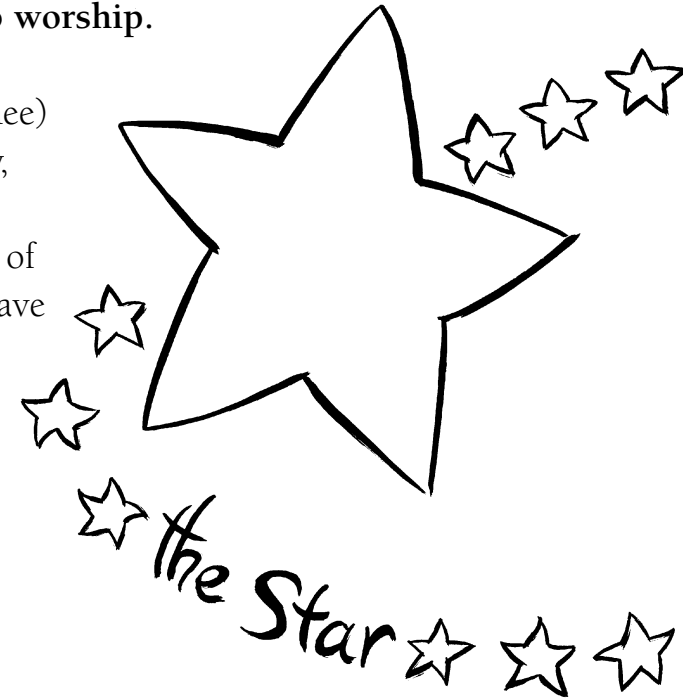


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Welcome to worship.

Epiphany
(ee-PIF-ah-nee)
begins today,
January 6.

The 12 days of
Christmas have
ended.



A  is a symbol for the season Epiphany.

Color and decorate the stars with bright colors.

How many points do they have? _____

Hear & Celebrate

Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men followed a star to find Jesus.

Trace the dots to make the word *Jesus*.

Draw what you think might have been in

Fold this page on the dotted line when you listen to the gospel story of the wise men. At the end of the story, unfold your

Jesus' home long ago.

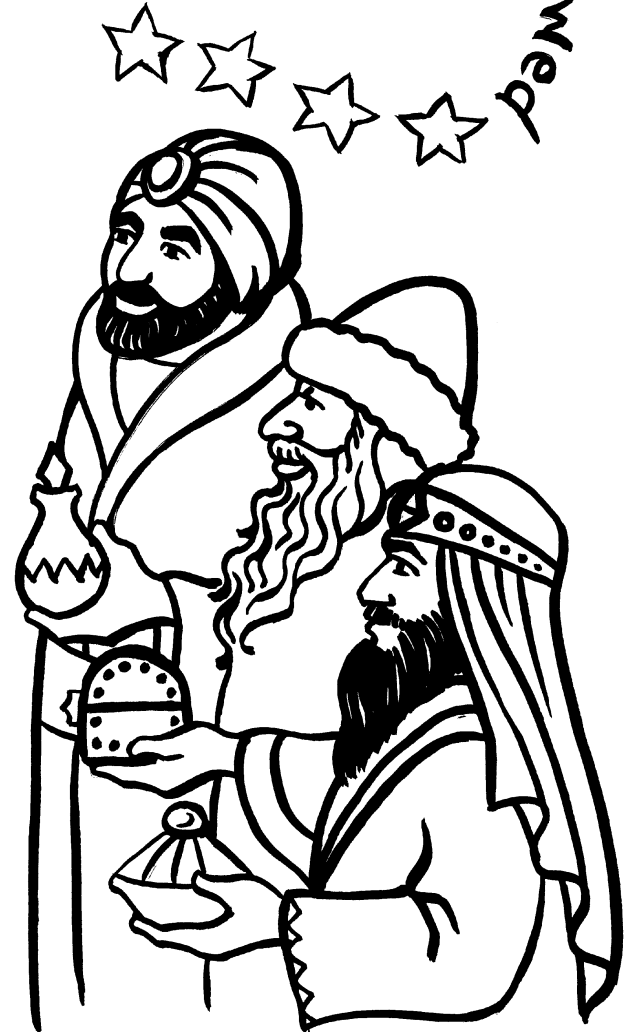
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to the Light
of the
World,

Jesus

Wise men followed



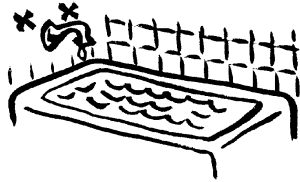
Look for the section of Epiphany hymns or songs in your worship book. Which song will you sing or say at home this week?

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Water everywhere

We use water all the time for many things.

Find pictures of three things that could use water.
Draw a line to the kind of water they need.



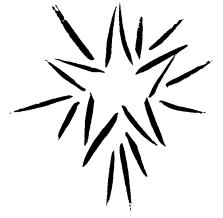
Talk about the water of baptism, the water that gives us new life, washes away our sins, and splashes us with the good news that we are God's children.

This week

Look at pictures from baptisms in your family and tell baptism stories.

Kids Celebrate

Baptism of Our Lord

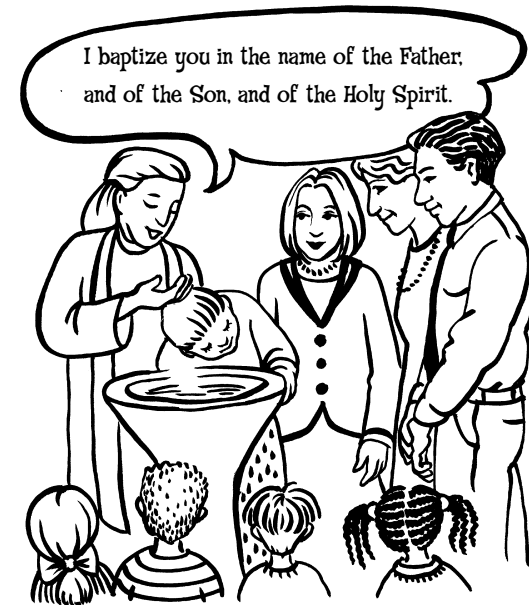


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Welcome to worship.

Epiphany days are a time for seeing in a new way. Baptism is our time to begin a new life: one that is connected to Jesus. In baptism we are claimed as God's children and marked with the cross of Christ.

Trace the baptismal font and add water drops to the picture.



Are there baptisms during worship today? Write the names of those being baptized. Keep them in your prayers this week.

Jesus' baptism

Matthew 3:13-17

Imagine being there with John and Jesus at the water.

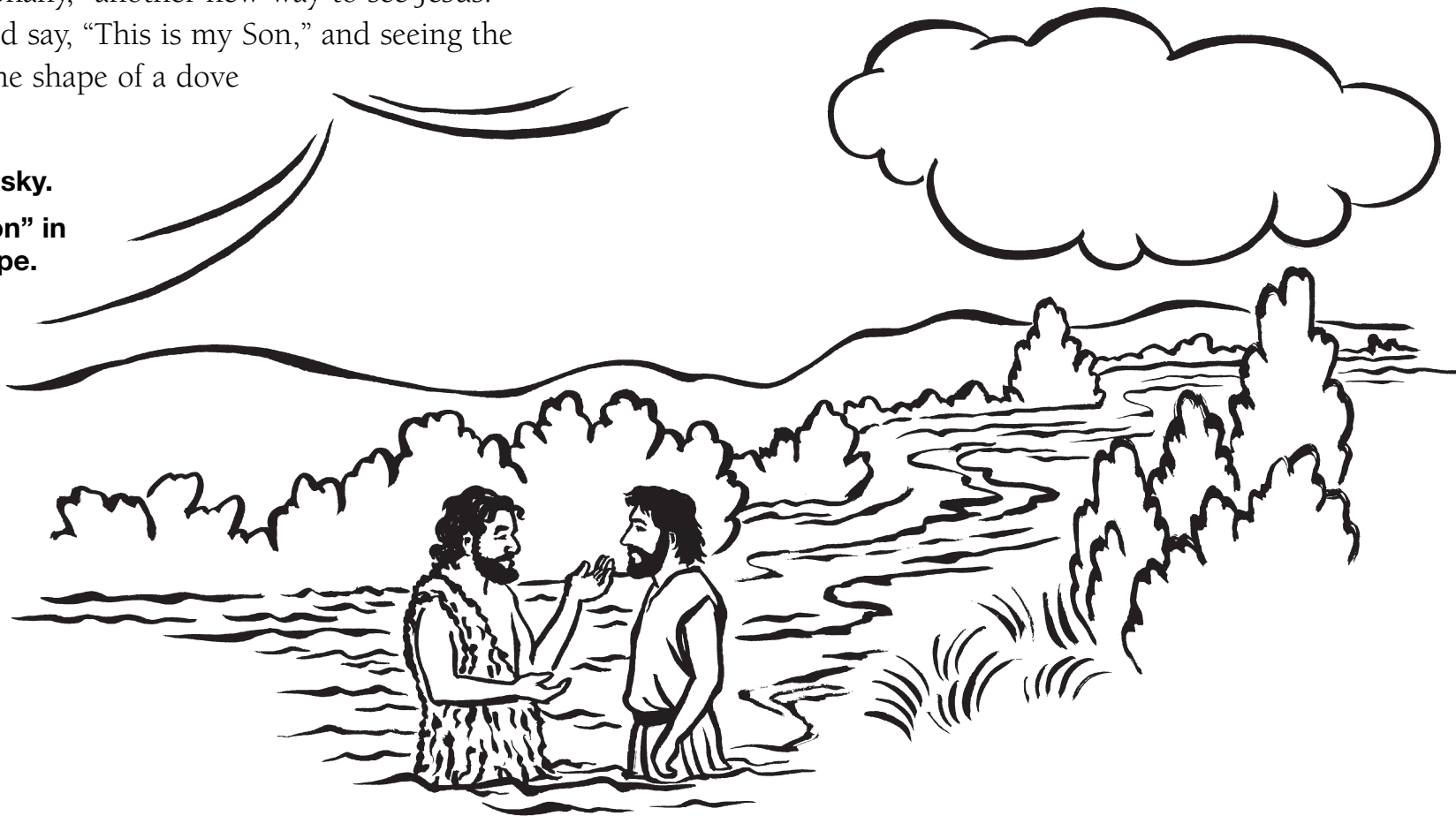
Here's another "epiphany," another new way to see Jesus.

Imagine hearing God say, "This is my Son," and seeing the sky open to show the shape of a dove coming to Jesus.

Draw a dove in the sky.

Print "This is my Son" in the puffy cloud shape.

Draw a triangle connecting God's words, the dove, and Jesus.



*Dear God, we celebrate being a part of your family.
Thank you for your everlasting love. Amen*

The triangle is a symbol for the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Listen for that three-part name for God in worship, especially during baptisms.

Baptism True or False

Have you ever seen a baptism at your church? Is there a special place where they keep the water? Do people wear special clothes? **See how you answer these questions about baptism.**

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| 1. Only babies should be baptized. | True | False |
| 2. Being baptized means you can do whatever you want. | True | False |
| 3. Baptism is a sacrament. | True | False |
| 4. You need to use fancy water during a baptism. | True | False |
| 5. Baptism marks us as children of God. | True | False |
| 6. If you really mess things up, you should be baptized again, just to make sure God knows you're sorry. | True | False |



After worship, ask an adult to share a baptism story.

1. False. People of all ages can be baptized. Remember, Jesus didn't get baptized until he was a grown-up!
2. False. Being baptized means that you are part of God's family and that you receive God's grace. It also means living life as a follower of Jesus.
3. True. Baptism is a sacrament. It is the combination of something ordinary (water) and God's word.
4. False. Plain water from the sink will be just fine. As long as God's word is there, the baptism can happen!
5. True. Being baptized is a sign that God loves you and that your life can be dedicated to knowing and loving God.
6. False. Baptism is once and for all.



READER

Baptism of Our Lord

- Today is the **Sunday** we celebrate the **Baptism of Our Lord**.
- After Jesus was baptized, he began his **public ministry**.
- The symbol we see for the Baptism of Our Lord is a burst of **light**.
- This symbol looks like **a ray of sunshine** breaking through the clouds.



Let Your Light Shine Through

Match each sunburst with a raindrop to find some words about Jesus' baptism. One has been done for you already. SO + N = SON.

DO JO PLEA

BEL SO

HN VE OVED

SED N

Cross out the Ms, Xs, Cs, Us, and Rs.
Circle the remaining letters and use them to fill in the rest of this verse.

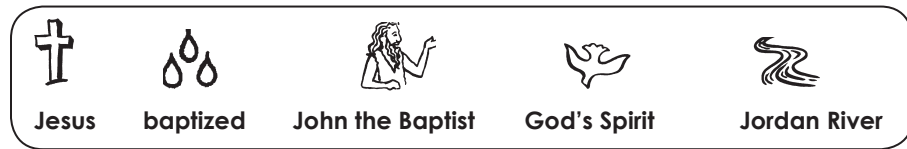
Memory Verse

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And a voice from heaven said "This is my , the
 , with whome I am am well
 ." Matthew 3:17

Splashed with the Spirit

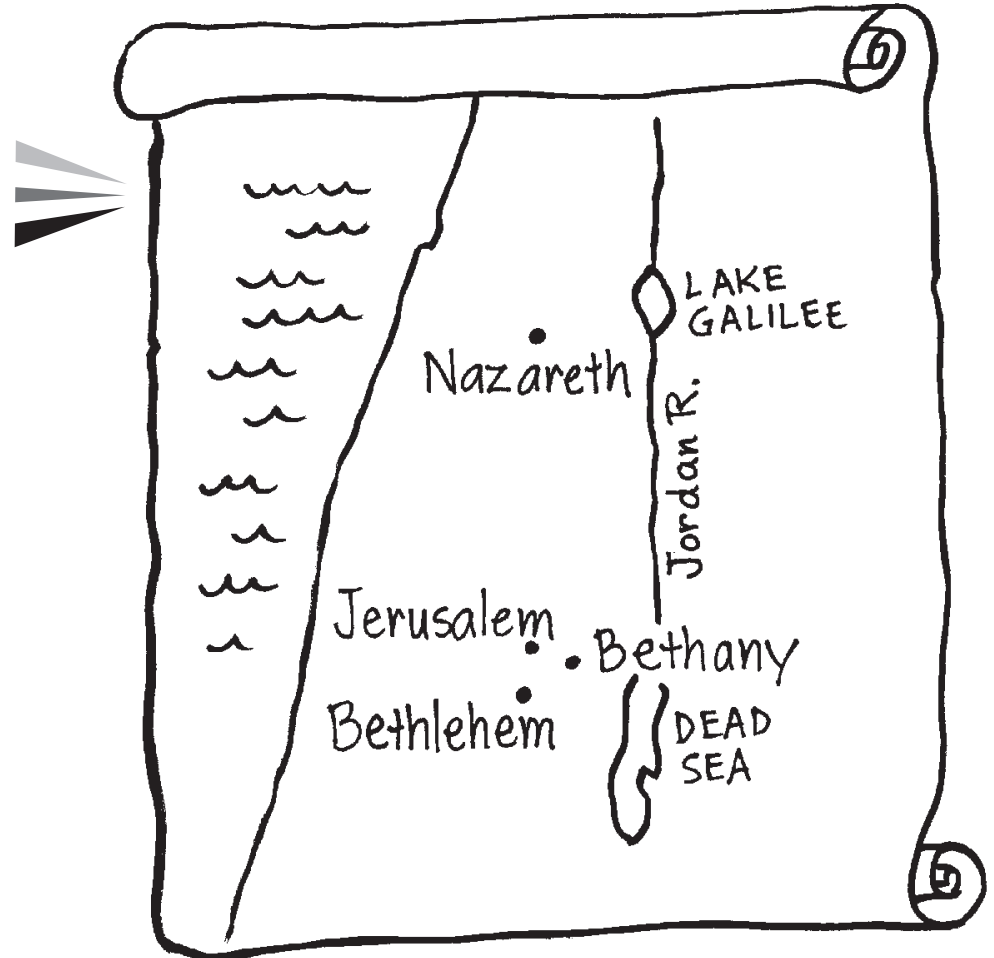
Read today's Gospel story from Matthew 3:13-17 using the pictures below.



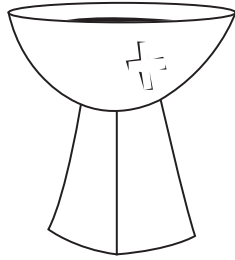
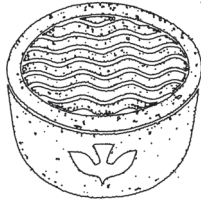
was by in the . As was coming
out of the water, the heavens opened up and came
down to him. Then heard a voice that said, "You are
my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." After
being , started his ministry.



Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. The Jordan River is 156 miles (251 kilometers) long. Use the map below to find the Jordan River and other important places in Jesus life.



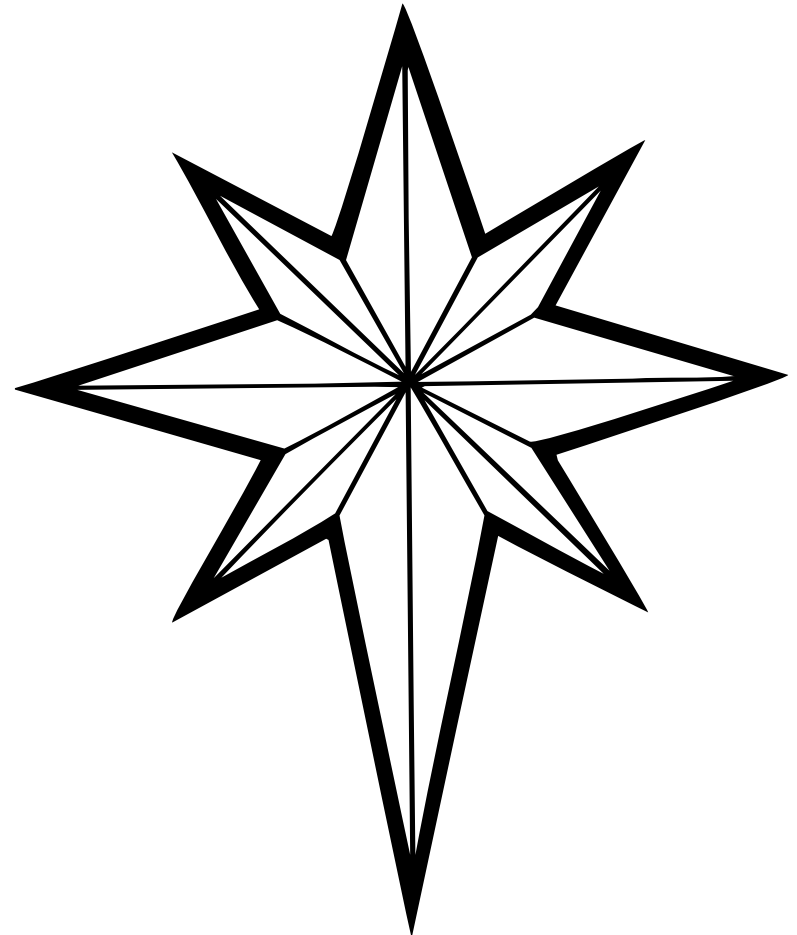
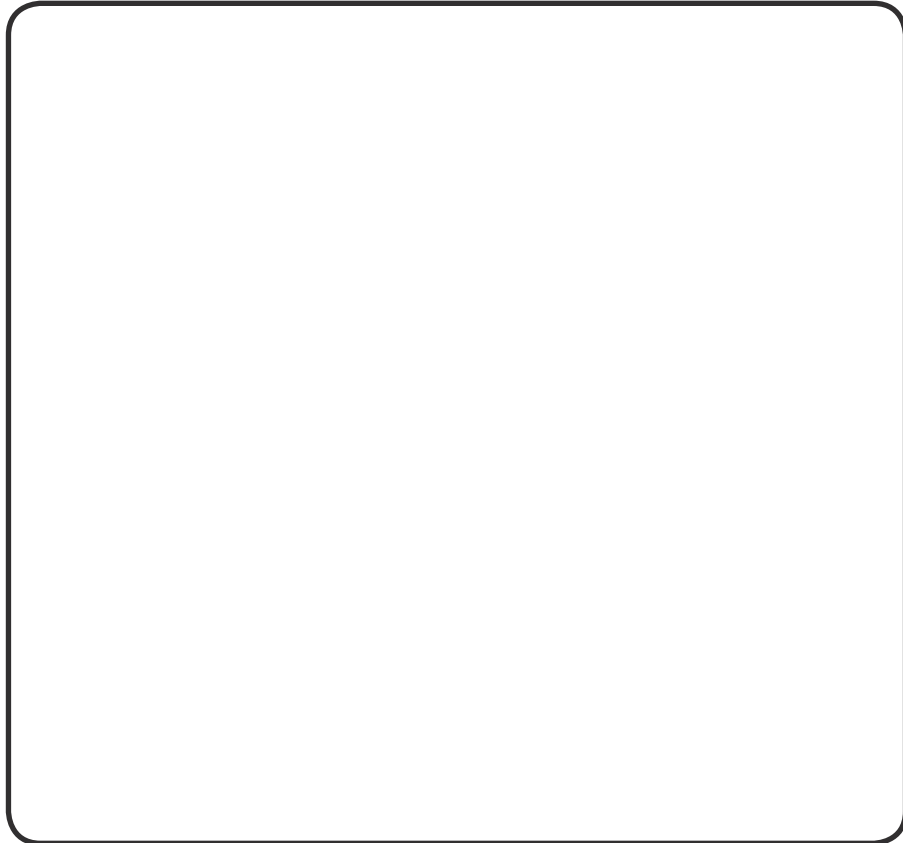
Splash! The container that holds water for a baptism is called a **font**. Some fonts look like small bowls. Other fonts look like pools! **Look at all these fonts. Then find the baptismal font in your worship space and draw it in the space.**



PRE-READER

Baptism of Our Lord

- Today is the **Sunday** we celebrate the **Baptism of Our Lord**.
- The symbol we see for the Baptism of Our Lord is a burst of **light**.
- God sent **Jesus** to be our **light**.





The voice said, "This is my Son!"

Today we remember when Jesus was **baptized**.
Baptism uses **water** as a symbol of God's spirit.
God claimed Jesus as his **son**.

Have you ever seen a baptism? When someone is baptized, the people in the church make a **promise**. They promise to **help** each other stay close to God. When we make the sign of the cross, we remember that God has marked all of us as his children.

Color a cross on the forehead of each person in the picture.

