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Our ministry

After his baptism, Jesus began his ministry. He taught his friends how to love, pray, share, and care for people everywhere. How do you love, pray, share, and care for people?

Draw pictures of you doing *your ministry* below.

LOVE

PRAY

SHARE

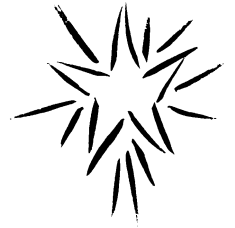
CARE



Thank you, God, for baptism splashes. Help me to help you care for all your children. Amen

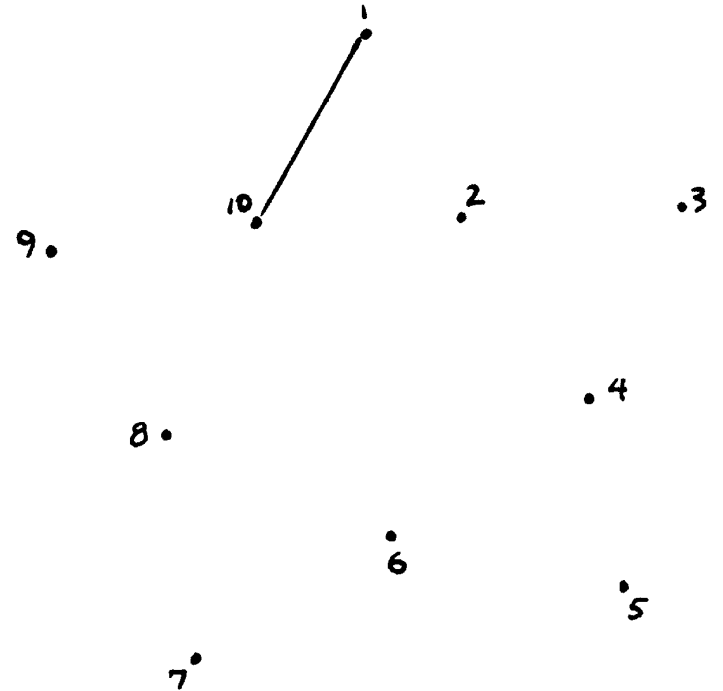
Kids Celebrate

Baptism of Our Lord



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Welcome to worship. Today is the first Sunday in the season of Epiphany, which is sometimes called the season of light. It is also the day when we celebrate Jesus' baptism.



Connect the dots to discover one of the symbols of Epiphany. Then inside the symbol, draw a picture of the place where people are baptized in your church.

Splashed with the Spirit!

Mark 1:4-11

Read today's gospel story, using these pictures for the words.



Jesus



baptized







John the Baptist








God's Spirit



Jordan River

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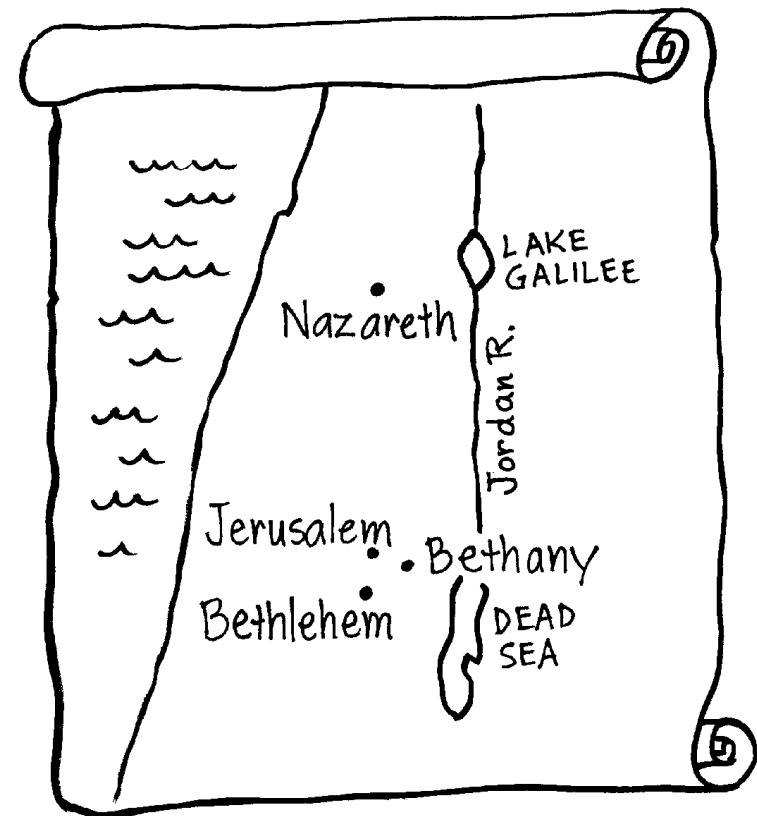
AS  WAS COMING OUT OF THE WATER, THE HEAVENS OPENED UP AND  CAME DOWN TO HIM. THEN  HEARD A VOICE THAT SAID, "YOU ARE MY SON, THE BELOVED; WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED."

AFTER BEING ,  STARTED HIS MINISTRY.

This week

Celebrate baptism by playing with water.

Where in the world...



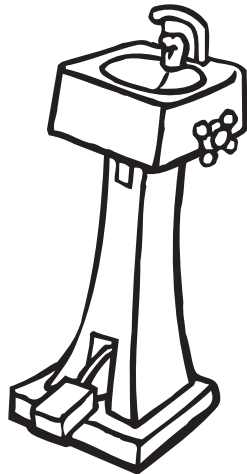
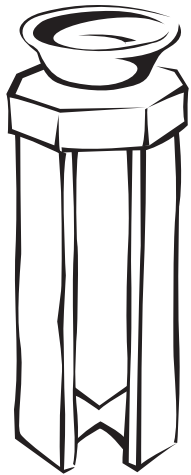
1. Find Bethlehem, where Jesus was born.
2. Find Nazareth, where Jesus grew up.
3. Find the Jordan River. Draw Jesus being baptized by John.
4. Draw God's Spirit in the shape of a dove coming to Jesus at his baptism.
5. Look at a map when you get home, and find the place where you were baptized.



Read a book about baptism. *Water, Come Down* by Walter Wangerin, Jr. is a great one!

Water Everywhere

Look around your church. Where do you see water? Where do you use water in your church? Are there any special days that we use water in church? Draw what else you do with water at your church.



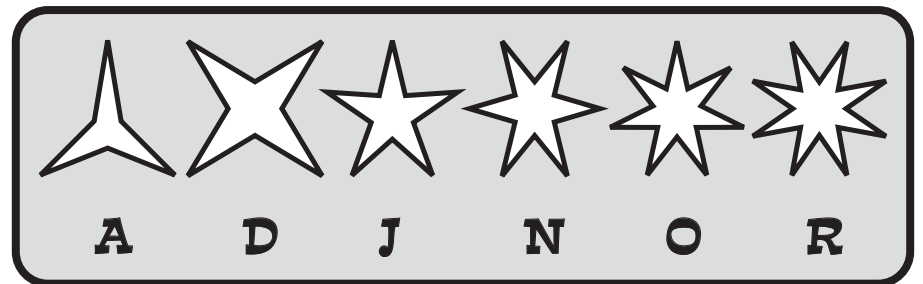
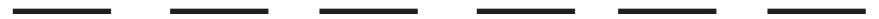
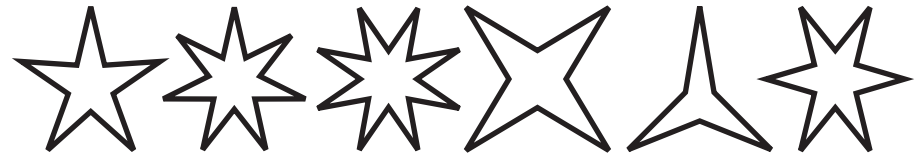
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Baptism of Our Lord

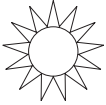


- Today we celebrate the **Baptism of our Lord**.
- We remember Jesus' baptism in the **Jordan River**.
- The Baptism of Our Lord begins the season of **Epiphany**.
- The symbol of Epiphany is a **burst of light** because Jesus is the light of the world.

Made Complete

Count the points on the burst of light to find out what river Jesus was baptized in.



"A voice came down from heaven, 'U

are my , the
b  ed, with U  am well
pleased.'"

Memory Verse



Bible Tip!

Three of the Gospels tell the story of Jesus' baptism with lots of details. Can you figure out the one that doesn't?

MARK <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	JOHN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
LUKE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	MATTHEW <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

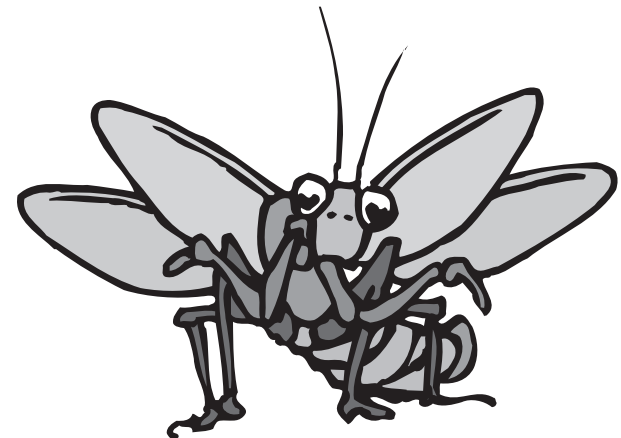
What's Wrong with This Picture?

John the Baptist is baptizing a baby. But what's wrong with the picture?



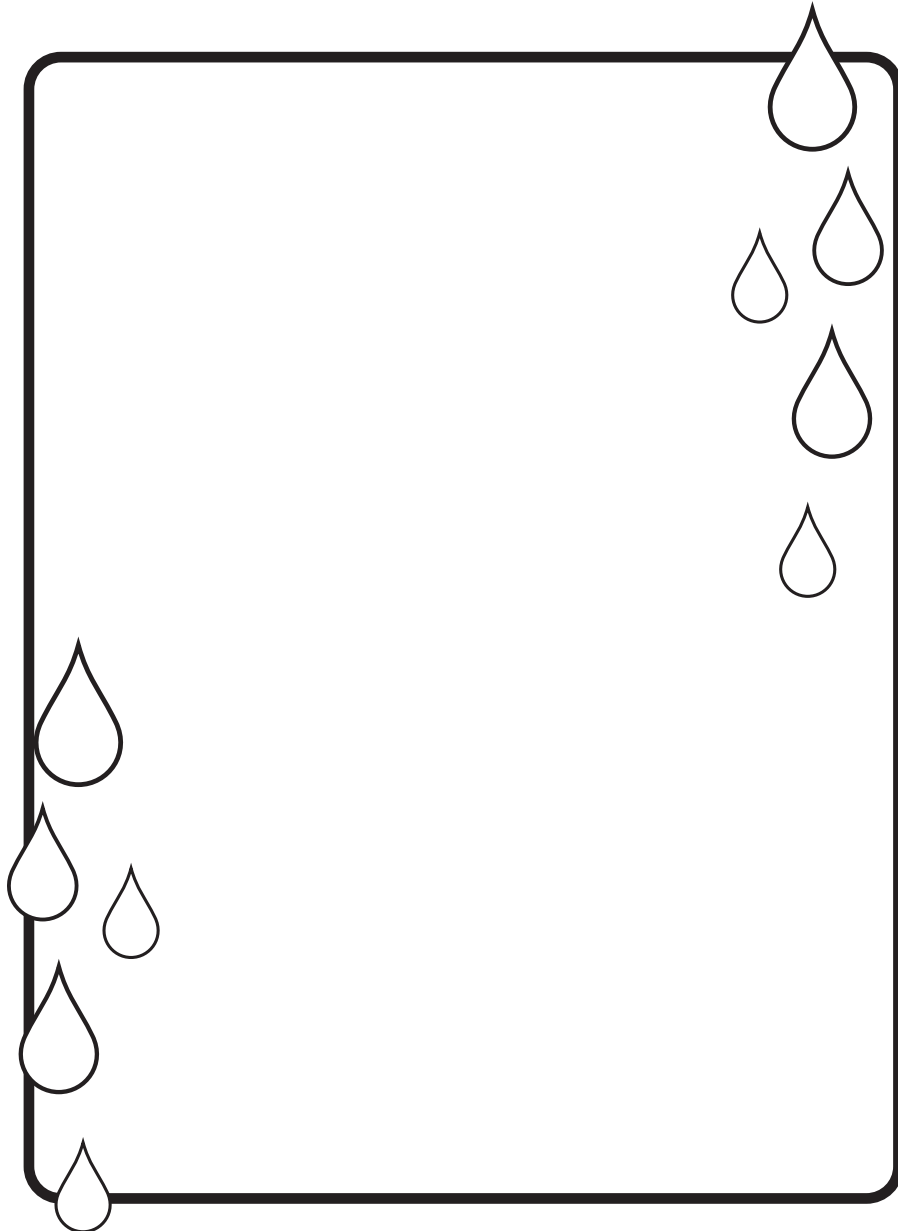
Look it Up!

What did John the Baptist eat? What kind of clothes did he wear? Look it up in Matthew 3:4.



Jesus was baptized in a river. Some people are still baptized in a river. Find out where you baptize people in your church.

Then draw it below!

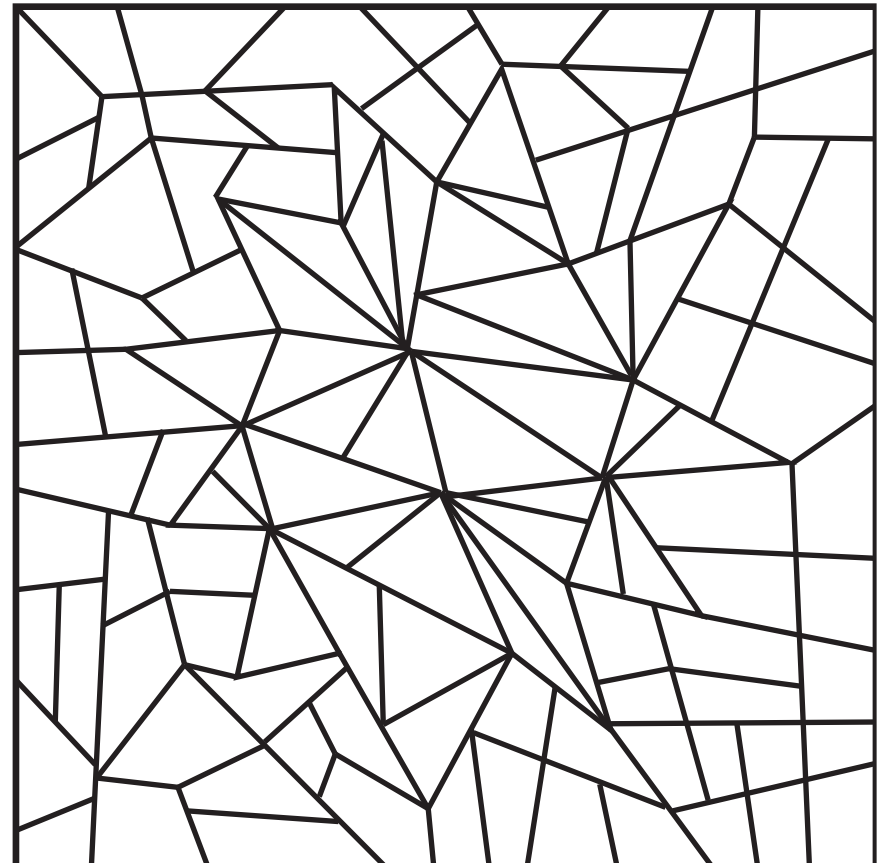


PRE-READER

Baptism of Our Lord

- Today we celebrate the **Baptism of Our Lord**.
- A symbol of **Epiphany** is a burst of light.
- A **burst of light** helps us see.
- **Jesus** helps us see, too.

Color in the triangles to make a burst of light.





“Jesus is coming! He is the Messiah!”

Your pastor baptizes people in your church.

Trace the letters to find out who baptized Jesus.



JOHN

THE

BAPTIST



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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.

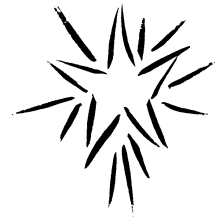


This week

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.

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Epiphany of Our Lord

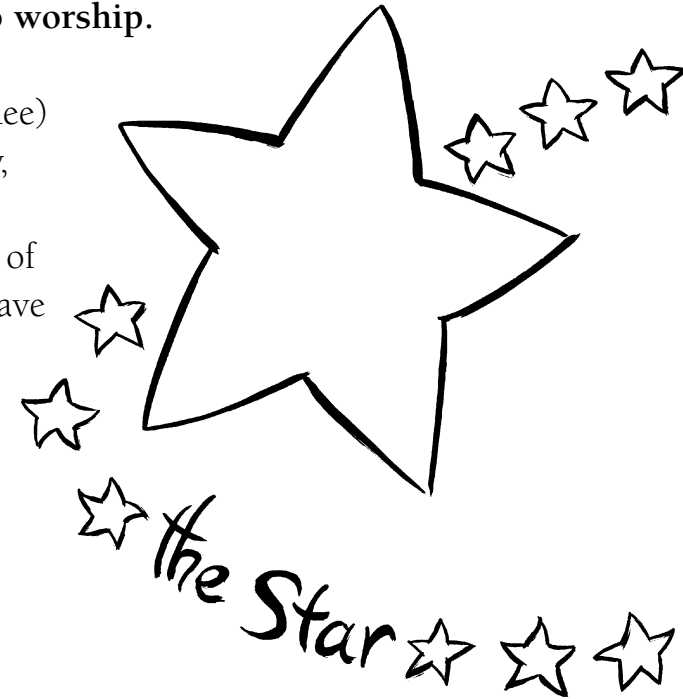


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Welcome to worship.

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?