

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 January 2023 - Year A

“This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”

Something to Think About

The writer of John’s gospel tells us that Jesus is the one who knows God and is totally united to God. If we want to know God, we can look to Jesus. Can you recall some interesting things you know about Jesus?

The Story

In today's gospel story, John is baptising people in the river with water. Then he sees Jesus walking towards him! He tells the people about what happened when Jesus was baptised, and how the Holy Spirit had come down on Jesus like a dove from heaven. John tells the people to believe that Jesus really is the Son of God.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

1:29-34

John saw Jesus coming toward him and said:

"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

He is the one I told you about when I said,

'Someone else will come. He is greater than I am, because he was alive before I was born.'

"I didn't know who he was.

But I came to baptise you with water, so that everyone in Israel would see him.

I was there and saw the Spirit come down on him like a dove from heaven.

And the Spirit stayed on him. Before this I didn't know who he was.

But the one who sent me to baptise with water had told me,

'You will see the Spirit come down and stay on someone.

Then you will know that he is the one

who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.'

"I saw this happen,

and I tell you that he is the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video: [Baptism of Jesus for Kids](#)



Group Discussion

Baptism is a special sacrament in which people become part of the Christian community. Do you know where you were baptised? How old were you? Who was there at your baptism? Perhaps you can ask your parents to show you a photo of your baptism and tell you their memories of that special day.

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray for our leaders, that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those who have been baptised recently. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for those who are sick or suffering. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for a generous heart to love all people. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will be Spirit-filled people who are loving, gentle and patient. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear Jesus,
Thank you for welcoming us into your family through our Baptism.
Help us to treat everyone with kindness, gentleness and patience.
Amen.

Group Activity

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

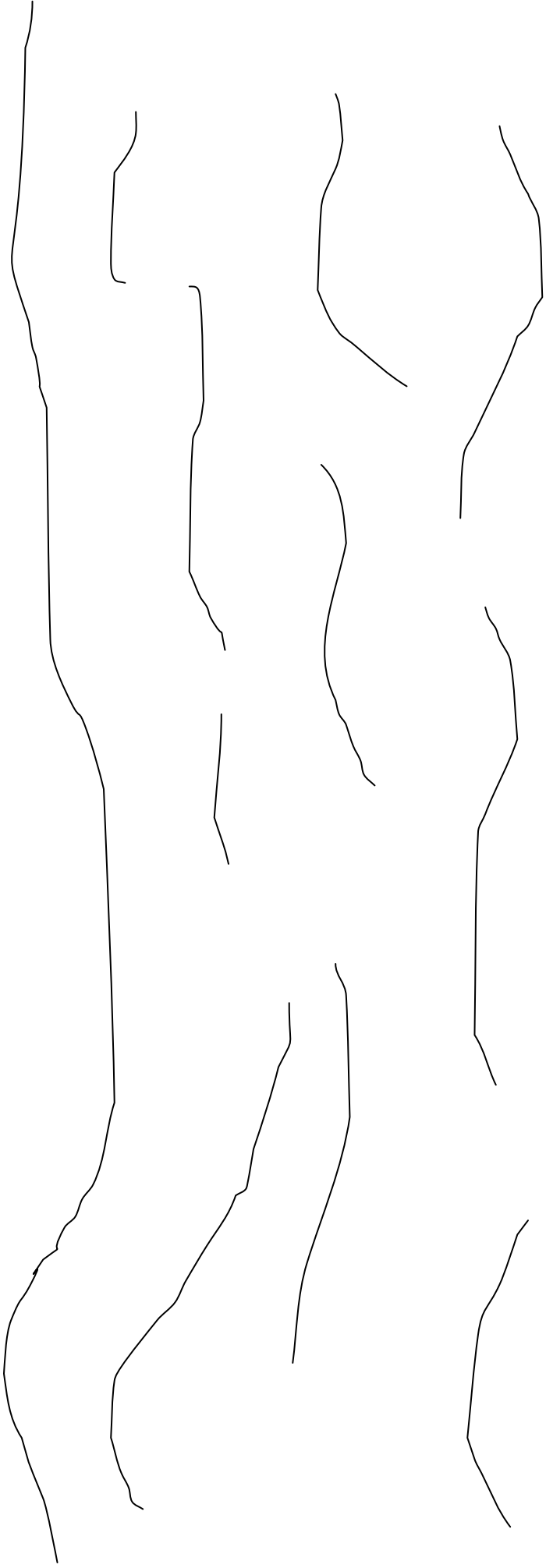
You will need: template of water photocopied onto blue paper, template of figures of John the Baptist, Jesus and the dove, large paddle-pop sticks, scissors, glue, tape.

- 1) Children cut out the figures of John the Baptist, Jesus and the dove. Very young children may need assistance.
- 2) Help children to cut slits at the top of the water.
- 3) Glue or tape each of the three figures to a paddle-pop stick.
- 4) Children can slip the figures of John the Baptist and Jesus up through the slits in the water template to make it seem as though they are in the water. The dove can be positioned over Jesus.





John Baptizes Jesus



JOHN THE BAPTIST POINTS TO JESUS

"LOOK! HERE HE IS, THE ONE I TOLD YOU ABOUT..."



WE POINT TO JESUS WHEN WE:

- ARE KIND
- HIT OUR SISTER
- HELP MUM
- TELL LIES
- HELP A FRIEND
- YELL AT SOMEONE
- MAKE PEACE