

Baptism



Baptism is about belonging. When we are baptized, we become members of the church family, the body of Christ. (American Sign Language for Baptism is “Water” “Sprinkle”)



Welcome

Since baptism is about water, let’s think of something you did this week with water. Did you swim, wash dishes, do laundry or water plants? Did you make lemonade or coffee? What did you do with water?



Explore

Watch [Baptism Chuck Knows Church #47](#). Or sing Hymn 723 “Shall We Gather at the River.”



Scripture: Mark 1:9-11 (NRSV) The Baptism of Jesus

In those days, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As he was coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”



Respond

We asked in advance for anyone who has been baptized to bring a photo (if they have one) of their baptism. Have you been present for someone else’s baptism – maybe a relative? Here are the words that were spoken when Jesus was baptized. In our baptism God says, “You are my child. I love you and I am pleased with you.”



Pray

God, Thank you for your wonderful gift of water. We need water to live. We use water in many ways. We can have fun with water, too. Amen.

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Baptism Activities

Delegate a person to dip a fern or evergreen branch water. Walk or wheel through class. Sprinkle everyone to remind us of our baptisms.

Make a Baptism Shell craft to help you remember your baptism.



You need: small shells, small glass gems and tacky glue or regular (not washable) Elmer's glue.

Glue 3 gems to the shell to remind us we are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Do the Baptism Word Search Puzzle on the next page.

Until next time ...

- 1) When you wash your face or feel the water on your face in the shower, remember that you are God's son or daughter. Remember that God is pleased with you.
- 2) See if you can attend a church service with baptism.