Youth News

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
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LEAD STORY HEADLINE:

JESUS IS BAPTIZED

“This is my servant, my chosen one. I give him my strength and my spirit to bring justice to all the people.”
Isaiah 42:1

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Jesus came to John the Baptist to be baptized in the Jordan River. But John said to him, “No, I should be baptized by you.” Jesus answered, “But we must do it this way because this is what God wants us to do.” So John baptized Jesus. And when Jesus came out of the water, he saw the Spirit of God coming to him in the form of a dove. Then a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am very pleased.”

This is the Good News of the Lord.


NOW ACT…

Create a news article of your baptism if you have been baptized. Ask your parents some questions about your baptism so that you can write about it! Find some pictures of you being baptized, or talk to your godparents. Include details like the name of the church, the date and time, your patron saint, the priest, your godparents and pictures! You can even check if you still have the garments that you wore and your baptismal candle!


WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Have you been to a baptism before? What happened at it? What was special about it?

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2. I wonder what it would be like to hear the voice of God coming from heaven. What do you think it would sound like? What do you think it would say?

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“This is my beloved Son with whom I am very pleased.” Matthew 3:17

CHRISTENING CONUNDRUMS
Christians are still baptized today, usually as babies in a special service called a christening. Unjumble the letters to find five things to do with baptism.

1. HCRHUC
2. TREWA
3. LECDAN
4. TOFN
5. DRAPEGONTS


BY THE WAY...
Baptism is a Greek word that means “immersing” as we are immersed in water when we are baptized. Also, every year when we go to the Easter Vigil, we renew our baptismal promises. Next time you go to the Easter Vigil, listen to the promises that the whole church makes together. Think about what these promises mean to you in your life.

Inside Scoop…

Baptism is one of the seven sacraments. It is the first one that is made by Catholics. Once we have been baptized, we are allowed to make the other sacraments at other times in our life. Baptism makes us a member of the church and cleanses us from sin. Just like Jesus was baptized in the gospel today, all Catholics have been baptized. You may or may not remember your baptism. If you don’t you can ask your parents or godparents about it and add all the information you find out to your news article! Ask them what it was like and what happened. What do you think it would have been like to be there when Jesus was baptized? You can celebrate the baptism of the Lord by hanging a Christmas dove somewhere in your house so that you remember you were baptized just like him!

“I, your God, have called you. I have taken you by your hand. I have sent you as my covenant to the people, as a light for the world.”

Isaiah 42:6