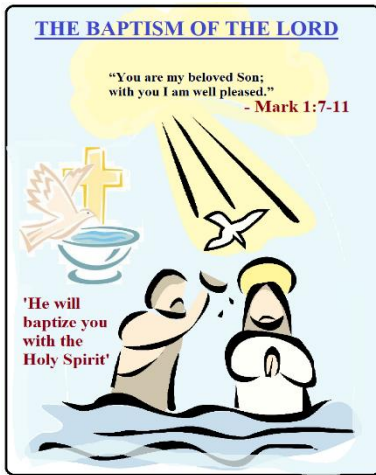


The Baptism of the Lord

Children's liturgy activity January 10th, 2021



VERSE OF THE WEEK



By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. - 1 John 5:2-3

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

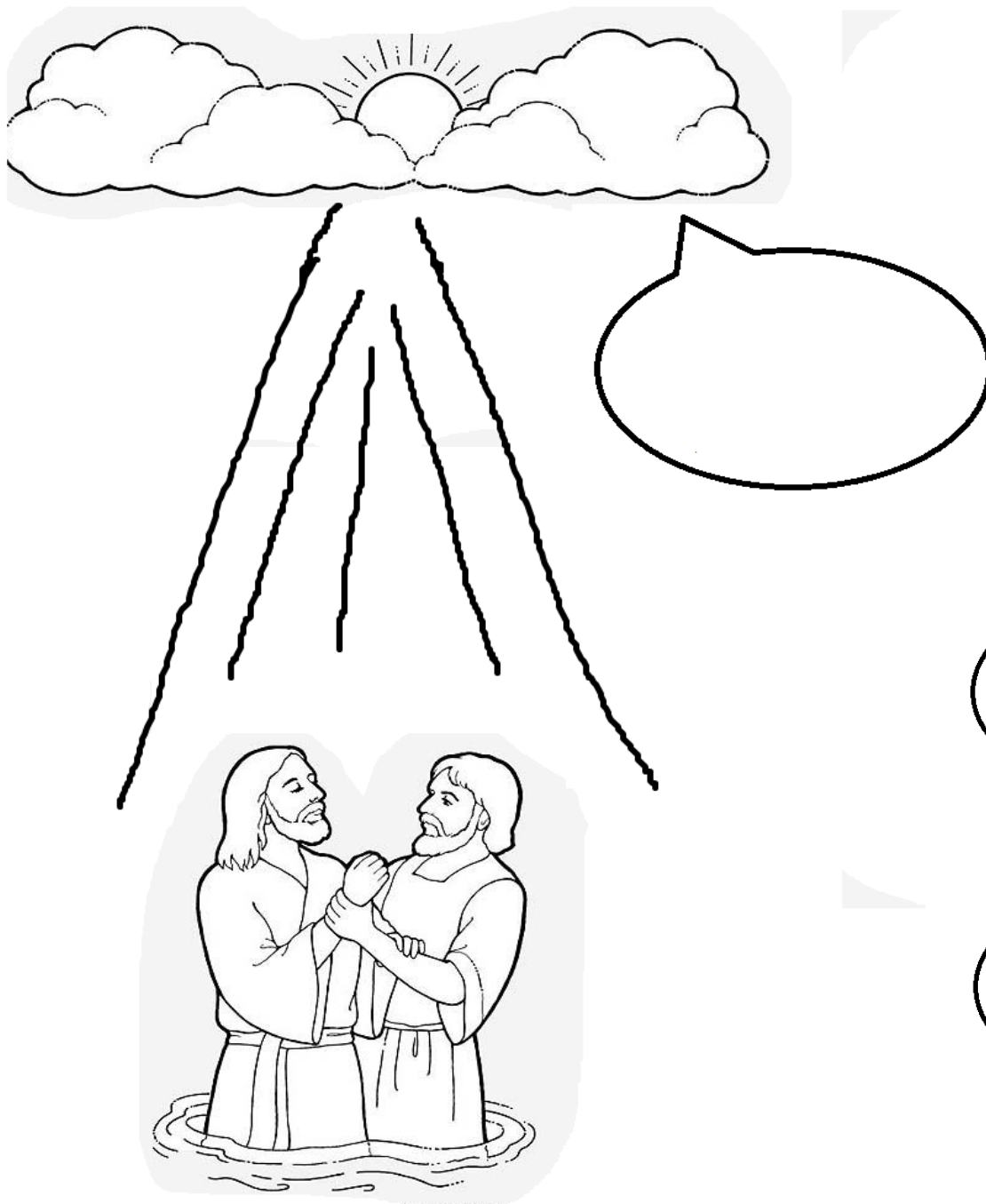
In the gospel today, we see Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist. John the Baptist was giving the baptism of repentance to prepare all the people for the lord. While baptising in the river Jordan, he was preaching that, 'someone who is more powerful than I am is following me and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' When John was preaching, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee. Jesus asked John to Baptise him. John was reluctant to do it because he knew he was unworthy. But he obeyed Jesus words which assured John saying, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us to fulfil all righteousness". John obeyed the words of Jesus and Jesus humbled himself for Gods plans to be perfectly fulfilled. When Jesus came up out of the water of Jordan after the Baptism, the heavens were opened to him and John saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him and a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus is the time when we see the Holy Trinity -The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit being revealed at once. John reveals to the people that Jesus baptizes everyone with Holy Spirit. We see that Jesus humbled himself for Fathers wish and obeyed Fathers words, the heavens were opened, and Holy Spirit came upon him. Father himself, by his voice, gave witness to the son for the world through this event, for he wished to show everyone that Jesus is his beloved son, and he is well pleased with him. Jesus' baptism opened heavens and send down the Holy spirit upon him as sign of heavenly graces to be showered upon each one of us during our baptism. Each of us are baptised in the name of Father son and Holy spirit. Through our Baptism we have received the Holy Spirit and are made children of God. We became the part of the body of Christ (church) and received the light of Christ to live a life led by Holy spirit. Our Baptism binds us to God and all his promises by his amazing love. We promised through our God parents, to live a life like the children of God. Are we seeing the presence of God above us as heavens opened? Are we aware of the Holy spirit, the heavenly power upon us? Are we realising that we are beloved children of God? Are we loving our Father? What is our mission through our Baptism?

Being made children of God, we must live with God by heavenly power of holy spirit, listening to him, by pleasing our father in heaven through obedience and testifying God by our life, this is our mission through our Baptism. Our love to God is shown when we live pleasing him and do what he has commanded us. Through our baptism, we are baptised into a new life in Christ and are empowered with Holy Spirit to live a life pleasing to God. Let us live in presence of God by living in spirit of the lord and have the favour of God resting on us just as it rested on Jesus and Mother Mary and on all who lived by doing the will of God. His will is in his word. Let us examine the times we have done things without the will of god and done according to our own desires, let us return back to our lord and take a pledge that whatever we do or say, we will do it with God and according to his will so that everything is perfected in His love.

Let us live realising that God is with us always and we all are the Children of God. Let us allow the Holy spirit to transform us inwardly as we say yes to His Word 'Jesus' who has come into us through living word and through Sacraments especially 'Holy Eucharist. Let the word be made flesh in us by the power of Holy spirit, becoming more like Jesus, the more we say yes to His word and allow ourselves to be changed by word manifesting the gifts and fruits of Holy spirit.

Complete the following picture by cutting and pasting the right options from given below. Colour it too.



"Do whatever he tells you."

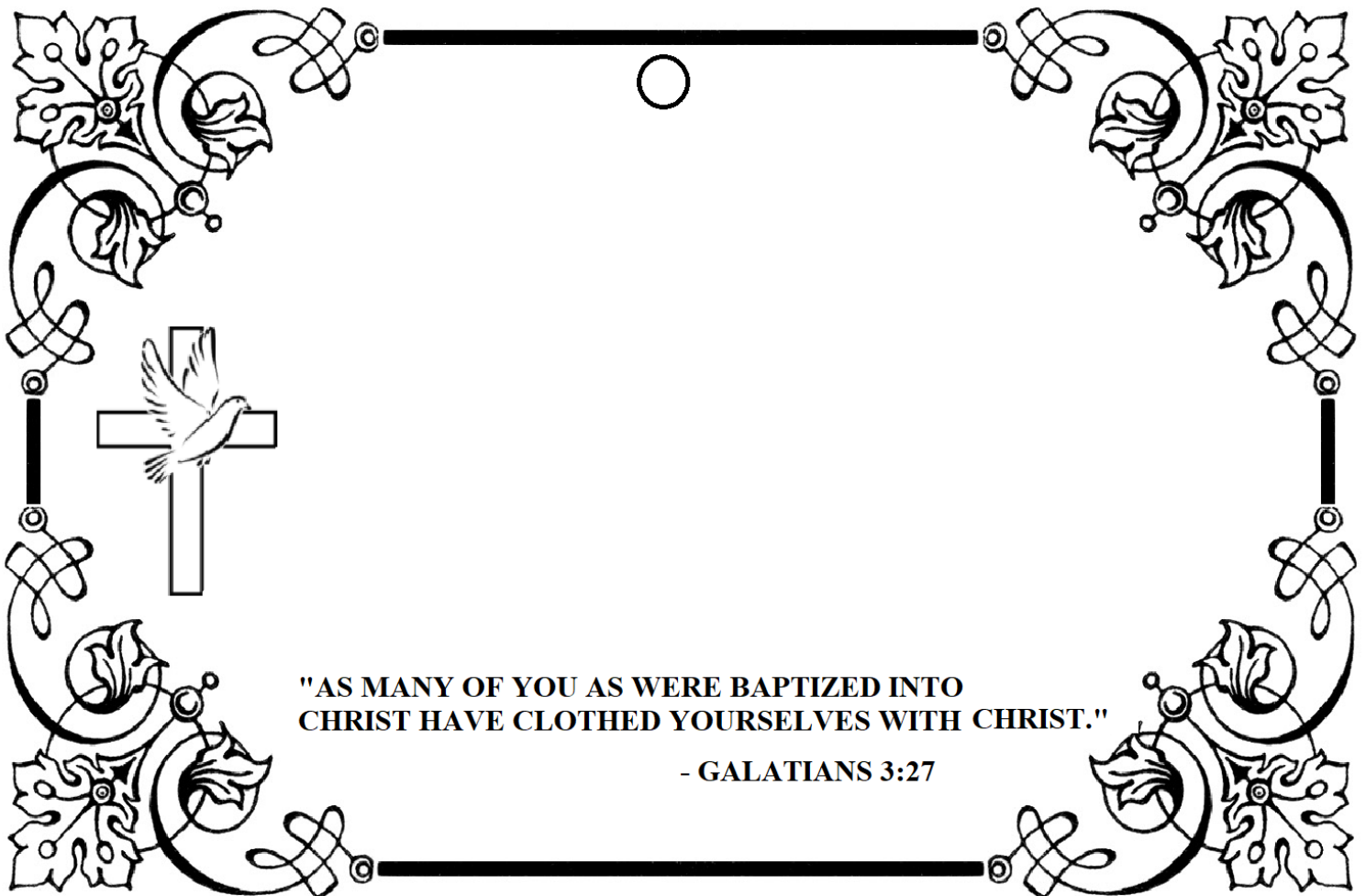
"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

"Do not be afraid I am with you"



Remember your Baptism.

Cut out and decorate the given Baptism Photo frame. Stick it on a hard card, punch a hole on the given point to hang it and stick on your baptism photo on it or draw you being baptised on it.



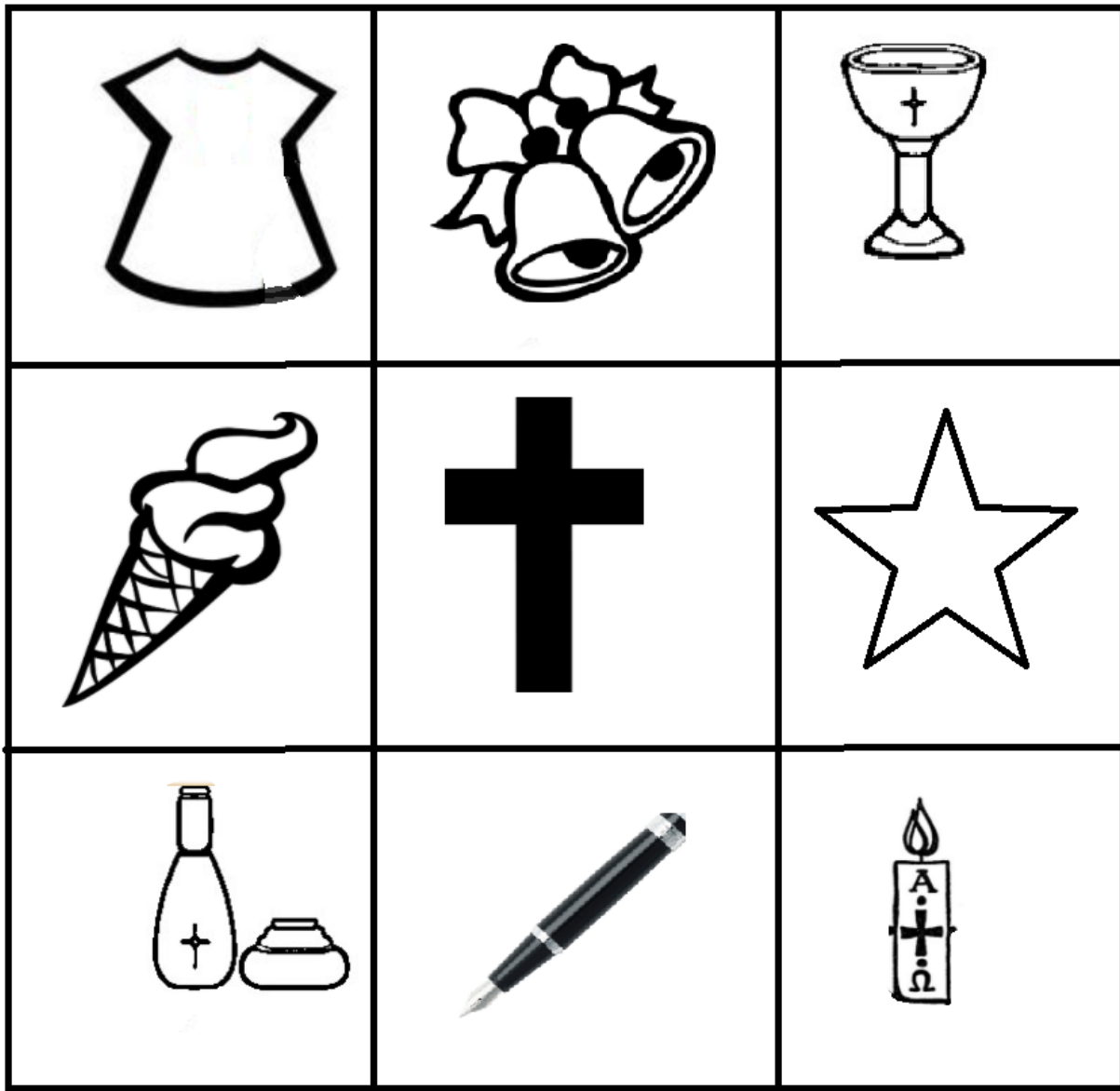
"AS MANY OF YOU AS WERE BAPTIZED INTO
CHRIST HAVE CLOTHED YOURSELVES WITH CHRIST."

- GALATIANS 3:27

Live your Baptism- Live Christ

List down few things you will do to Live your Baptism.

Circle the things used for the Sacrament of Baptism and try to find their names.



Let us Pray,

Dear Father in Heaven, we thank you for sending us your beloved son Jesus - the living word. We thank you for giving us the sacrament of baptism making us your own beloved children in Jesus. Help us to live realizing your presence with us always. Give us your grace and heavenly help, the holy spirit, to say yes to the living word and to allow ourselves to be changed by word transforming us more like Jesus.

In Jesus name we pray, amen.