

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ACTIVITY JANUARY 12, 2020



VERSES OF THE WEEK

"Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." -Matthew 3:15

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

In today's Gospel we hear the story of the baptism of our Lord Jesus. Baptism of Jesus is the occasion on which he is equipped for his ministry by the Holy Spirit and proclaimed to be the Son of God.

John the Baptist was baptizing in the river Jordan. Jesus too came to be baptized by John. When John saw Jesus coming to him to be baptized, he was reluctant to baptize Jesus who is greater than him and who is not a sinner. But Jesus assures him that "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." To fulfill God's plan of human salvation, John has to obey Jesus and Jesus had to humble himself and say yes for God's plans. Then he allowed him.

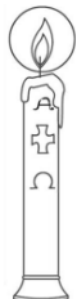
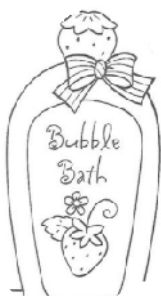
After the Baptism was over, the heaven opened and the Holy Spirit of God descending like a dove came upon Jesus. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Thus, it was revealed to John. He saw Jesus was anointed with the power of Holy Spirit and Father was pleased with his son.

After Baptism, God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and empowered Him to carry out God's mission.

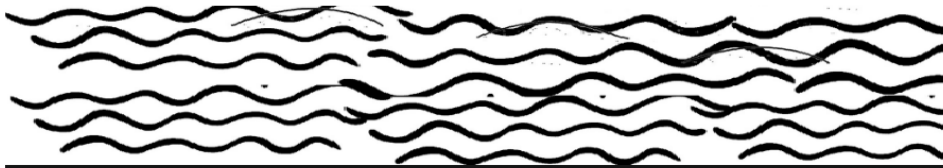
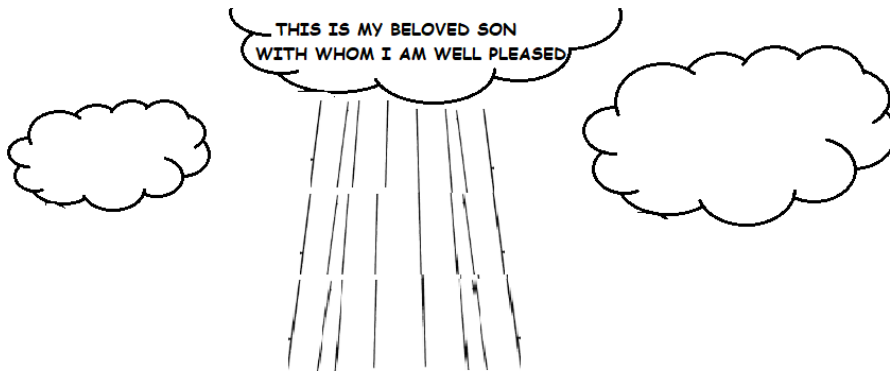
We are also baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Our baptism anoints us and joins us in God's family as Sons and Daughters of Abba Father giving us His power of Holy Spirit to accomplish God's will by living as Jesus. We must allow and say yes for Lord's will to be accomplished through us. Hence, let us say 'I am Baptized and Sent by Lord'.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Can you identify the pictures related to Baptism and colour it?



CUT AND PASTE THE PICTURES ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL THAT WE HEARD



CAN YOU A DRAW YOUR PICTURE
DURING YOUR BAPTISM?

'I AM BAPTIZED AND SENT'

FILL UP THE BLANKS WITH THE RIGHT WORDS GIVEN

1. THIS IS MY ----- SON WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.
2. WE ARE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE -----
3. 'WE HAVE BEEN BURIED WITH HIM BY ----- INTO DEATH, SO THAT, JUST AS ----- WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, SO WE TOO MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.' (ROMANS 6:4)

BAPTISM, HOLY SPIRIT, CHRIST, BELOVED