



Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

January 10, 2021

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11



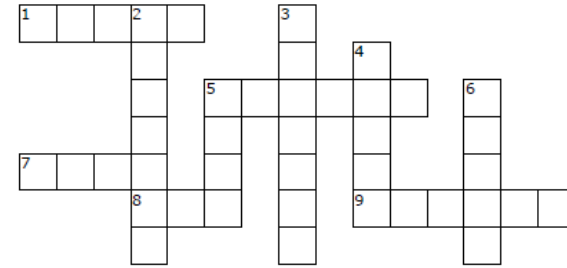
Baptism of Our Lord

Hello friends! Can you help me remember what that big bowl in our church sanctuary is used for? I know, it's been a while since you've seen it. What's in that big bowl? Yes, water! But not just any water, it's the water of new life. Adults and children come to this water, are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ, claimed forever as God's own beloved child.

Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by his cousin, John, the Baptist. Our gospel lesson from Mark tells us that right after Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water and the sky opened up and the Spirit of God came down upon him like a beautiful dove. From that time on, Jesus was filled with God's powerful Spirit and he did amazing things. Did you know that the same thing happened to you when you were baptized? You, too, have the power of God's Spirit. The very same Spirit that Jesus used to heal people is in you! The God of love is in your heart and hands, even your tiny ones. Have you ever helped someone to feel better by hugging them or telling someone you love them? That is the power of God's love that shines in you. Can you name some other ways that we can share love and help heal the world?

Loving God, you have named us and claimed us as your own beloved children. Each day as we wash our face, let us remember our baptism. Help us to use your Spirit to heal the world. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



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1. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
2. To admit that you have done wrong.
3. To pardon for sins.
4. The liquid used to baptize someone.
5. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
6. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.
7. The Spirit came down from heaven like a ____.
8. To break one of God's commandments.
9. To turn away from sin.

DOWN

FORGIVE	JORDAN	JOHN	DOVE	REPENT
CONFESS	WATER	SIN	VOICE	HONEY

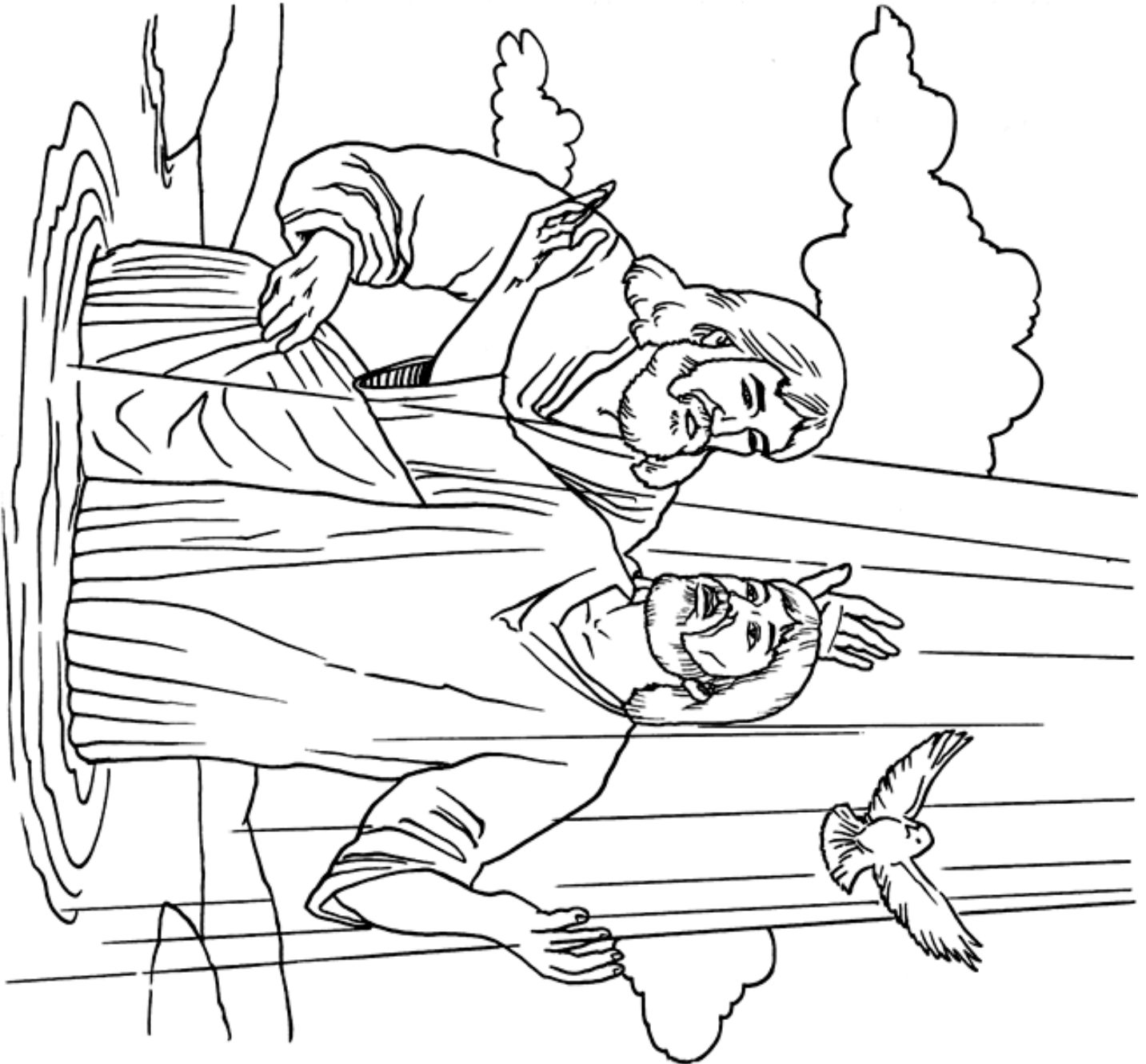
Activity: This week, start a new tradition. Each night before bed, make the sign of the cross upon each of your family members' forehead saying these words: You are God's beloved child. God loves you and so do I.

Discussion Question How might your actions or words change if you were to always remember that you are God's beloved Child? Is it hard or easy to envision others as Children of God?

Family Table Prayer for January:

God of hope and all things new, we know your words are always true. We thank you for a brand new start and we love you with our whole heart. Amen.

January Memory Verse: Revelation 21:5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."



JESUS' BAPTISM

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