

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Baptism of the Lord

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***“When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying,
the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit came upon him.”***

Something to Think About

Have you ever seen someone being baptised? It is a joyful occasion when a person is welcomed into the Church. It is a celebration of God's great love for us!

The Story

Jesus came to John asking to be baptised. John was surprised and said, “You're the one who should be baptising me and you're asking me to baptise you?!” Eventually John agreed and baptised Jesus in the Jordan River. As Jesus came up out of the water all the people saw something incredible. They saw the Holy Spirit come down on Jesus in the form of a dove. Everyone heard the voice of God saying to Jesus, “You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you.” When he heard this, John knew without a doubt that Jesus was the Messiah whom God had promised to send.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (3:15-16, 21-22)

Everyone became excited and wondered,
"Could John be the Messiah?"
John said, "I am just baptising with water.
But someone more powerful is going to come,
and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."
After everyone else had been baptised,
Jesus himself was baptised.
Then as he prayed, the sky opened up,
and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in the form of a dove.
A voice from heaven said,
"You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Group Discussion

When someone is baptised, the priest says: 'I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' How are the three members of the Trinity represented in this story of Jesus' baptism that we have just heard?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray.

Reader 1: We pray for world leaders, that they might bring peace to our world. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray that we might hear God's voice speaking in our hearts. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we share love with others as Jesus taught us. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.


Reader 5: We pray for our own needs. Lord, hear us. *(Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions).* Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer

	<p>Dear God, You gave Jesus strength and power through the Holy Spirit. Send us your Holy Spirit too, so that we may show our faith in all we do. Amen.</p>
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Video (optional)

Click to watch the video: [The Baptism of Jesus](#)



Group Activity (optional)

THE HOLY SPIRIT DOVE

You will need: template printed on card, glue, scissors, yellow or orange marker.

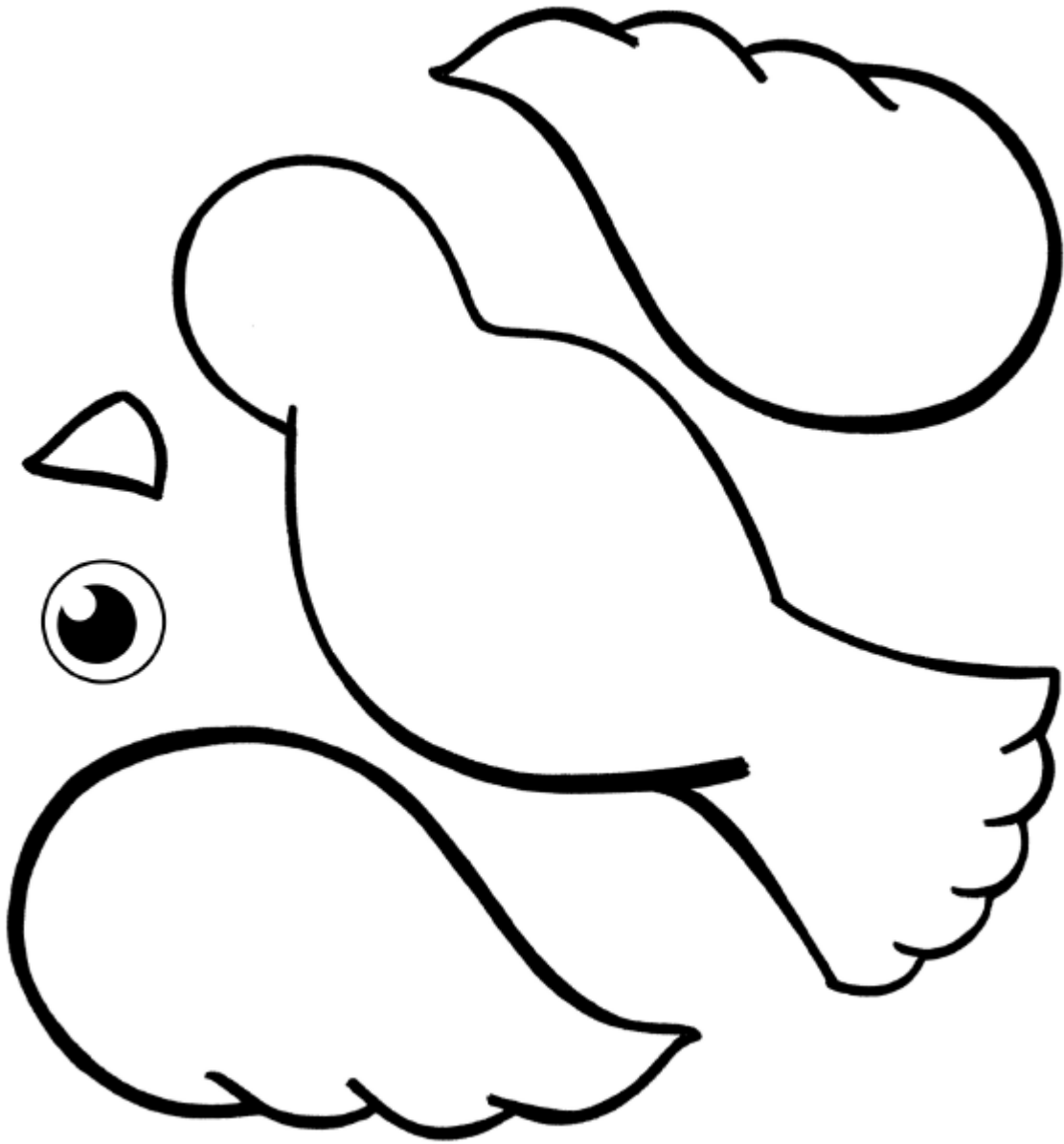
Optional: silver glitter glue.

1. Cut out the pieces of the dove.
2. Glue one wing onto the front of the body.
3. Then glue the other wing behind the dove's body.
4. Colour in the beak and stick it on. Then glue on the eye.
5. Children may like to add some silver glitter to their dove.



THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

The Holy Spirit came down upon him in the form of a dove. (Luke 3:22)



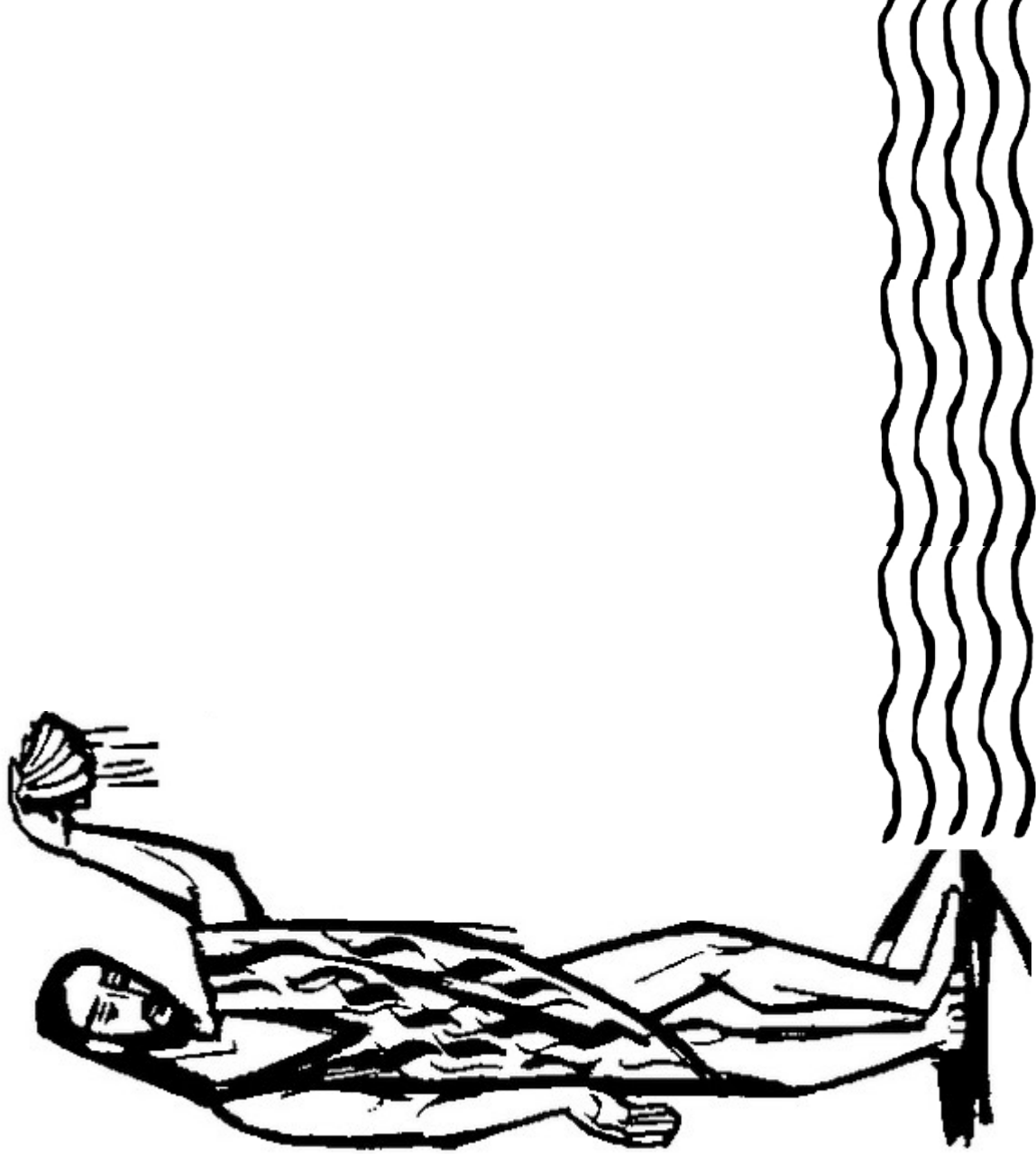
JOHN THE BAPTIST
BAPTISED JESUS IN
THE RIVER.

JESUS CAME UP
FROM THE WATER.

THE HOLY SPIRIT
WAS SEEN OVER
HIM IN THE FORM
OF A DOVE.

AND GOD SAID:
THIS IS MY SON!

Draw Jesus being baptised
to complete the picture.
Don't forget the Holy Spirit!
Then colour it in.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JESUS