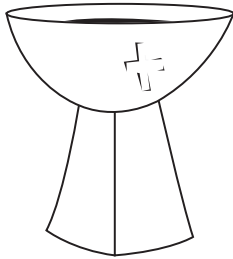
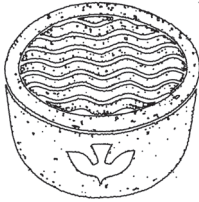


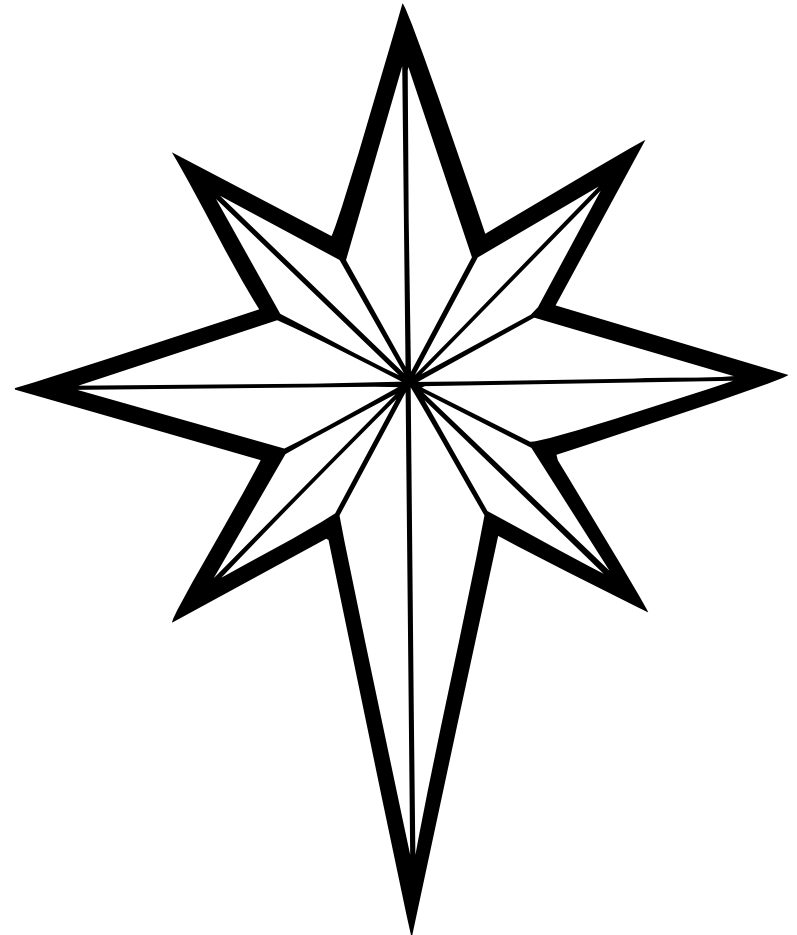
Splash! The container that holds water for a baptism is called a **font**. Some fonts look like small bowls. Other fonts look like pools! **Look at all these fonts. Then find the baptismal font in your worship space and draw it in the space.**



PRE-READER

Baptism of Our Lord

- Today is the **Sunday** we celebrate the **Baptism of Our Lord**.
- The symbol we see for the Baptism of Our Lord is a burst of **light**.
- God sent **Jesus** to be our **light**.



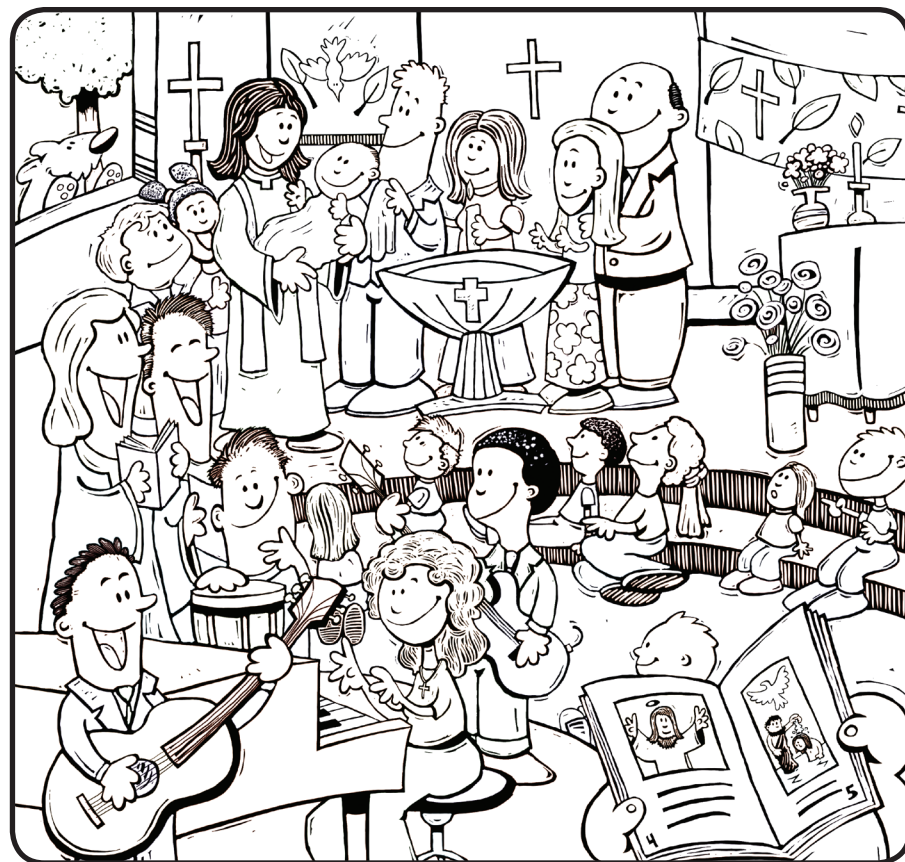


The voice said, "This is my Son!"

Today we remember when Jesus was **baptized**. Baptism uses **water** as a symbol of God's spirit. God claimed Jesus as his **son**.

Have you ever seen a baptism? When someone is baptized, the people in the church make a **promise**. They promise to **help** each other stay close to God. When we make the sign of the cross, we remember that God has marked all of us as his children.

Color a cross on the forehead of each person in the picture.

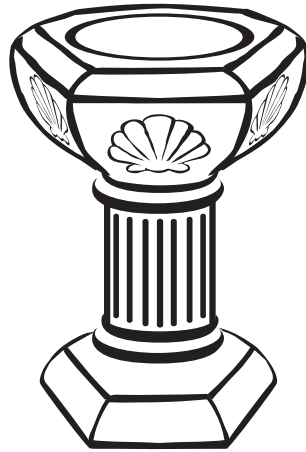


Baptism True or False

Have you ever seen a baptism at your church? Is there a special place where they keep the water? Do people wear special clothes? **See how you answer these questions about baptism.**

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| 1. Only babies should be baptized. | True | False |
| 2. Being baptized means you can do whatever you want. | True | False |
| 3. Baptism is a sacrament. | True | False |
| 4. You need to use fancy water during a baptism. | True | False |
| 5. Baptism marks us as children of God. | True | False |
| 6. If you really mess things up, you should be baptized again, just to make sure God knows you're sorry. | True | False |

After worship, ask an adult to share a baptism story.



1. False. People of all ages can be baptized. Remember, Jesus didn't get baptized until he was a grown-up!
2. False. Being baptized means that you are part of God's family and that you receive God's grace. It also means living life as a follower of Jesus.
3. True. Baptism is a sacrament. It is the combination of something ordinary (water) and God's word.
4. False. Plain water from the sink will be just fine. As long as God's word is there, the baptism can happen!
5. True. Being baptized is a sign that God loves you and that your life can be dedicated to knowing and loving God.
6. False. Baptism is once and for all.



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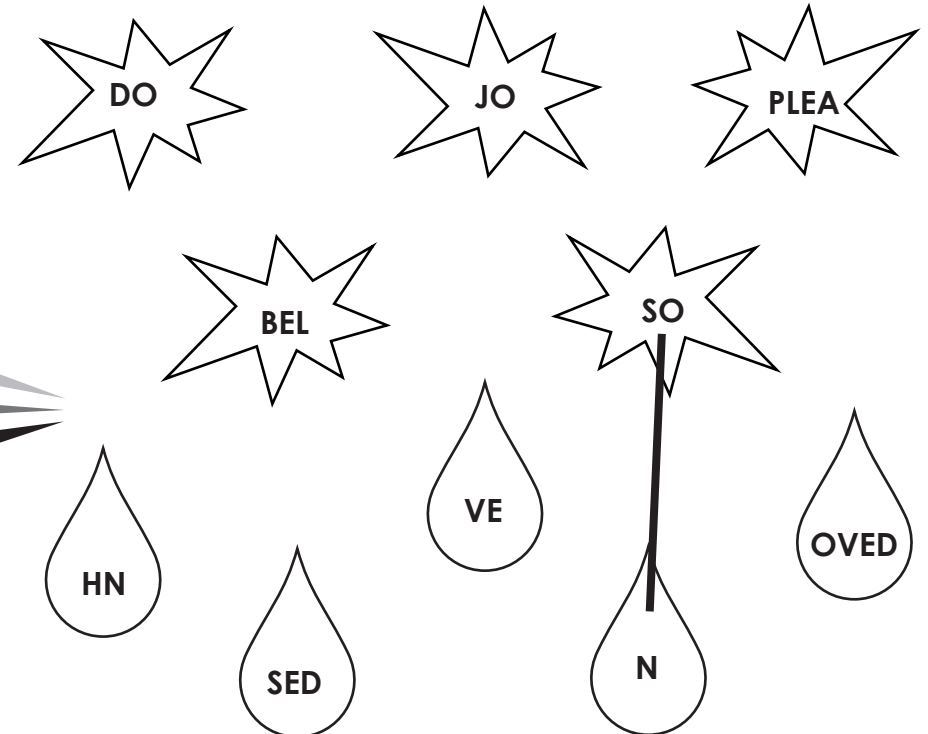
Baptism of Our Lord

- Today is the **Sunday** we celebrate the **Baptism of Our Lord**.
- After Jesus was baptized, he began his **public ministry**.
- The symbol we see for the Baptism of Our Lord is a burst of **light**.
- This symbol looks like **a ray of sunshine** breaking through the clouds.



Let Your Light Shine Through

Match each sunburst with a raindrop to find some words about Jesus' baptism. One has been done for you already. SO + N = SON.



Cross out the Ms, Xs, Cs, Us, and Rs.
Circle the remaining letters and use them to fill in the rest of this verse.

Memory Verse

CCSMUONCXBUEMLOXVCERDPCLEUXAMUSCERD

And a voice from the heavens said "This is my , the

, with whom I am well

." Matthew 3:17

Splashed with the Spirit

Read today's Gospel story from Matthew 3:13-17 using the pictures below.



Jesus



baptized



John the Baptist



God's Spirit



Jordan River



was



by



in the



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As was coming

out of the water, the heavens opened up and  came

down to him. Then  heard a voice that said, "You are

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

being ,  started his ministry.



Bible Tip!

Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. The Jordan River is 156 miles (251 kilometers) long. Use the map below to find the Jordan River and other important places in Jesus life.

