

Hi Everyone

I hope you are all well and getting used to being at home again.

Last week I asked you a question

I wonder;

Was last week the end of the story or is it just the beginning?

Today we will be exploring the baptism of Christ, that is Jesus' Christening, during your Christening you will have been baptised. This is probably the start of your Story with Jesus.

I hope you enjoy finding out about Christenings?

Story

For our youngest Children

This is an interactive story. Follow the instructions in brackets

Someone Special (taken from the Play-along Bible)

Matthew 3: 1-17

Jesus' Cousin John Lived in the desert (**Hoot like an owl**)

He ate honey (**Say, "Yum"**)

And locusts (**Say, "Yuck"**)

"God is sending someone very special"

John told the people (**give a thumbs-up**)

"So, say you're sorry, and stop doing bad things" (**Say "Sorry"**)

Then Jesus came to see John.

Jesus was all grown up! (**Look up**)

"Jesus is the one I told you about!"

John said to the people (**Clap your hands.**)

When John baptised Jesus, a dove came down from the sky.
(**Coo like a** dove.)

Then God said to Jesus, "You're my Son,
and I'm very proud of you (**give a hug**)

Story for Older Children

Fill in all the valleys (take from the Rhyming Bible)

John lived in the *Wilderness*

He was a sight to see.

He dressed himself in camel skins,

Ate locusts for his tea

GET READY was his message.

'Change your wicked ways,

For God is sending someone

Who will leave you all amazed!

'Fill in all the valleys.

KNOCK the mountains *down*

Straighten out the highway,

God is coming to town.

And then he told the people

Exactly what to do:

'soldiers, don't be greedy

And tax collectors, too'.

'And all of you must help the poor,

Must Give, and play your part,

Be baptized in the river,

As a sign of you new start'.

'Fill in all the valleys

KNOCK the mountains *down*

Straighten out the highways,

God is coming to town'.

Then Jesus, just as promised,

Walked right through the crowd.

'This is him- the "*Lamb of God!*"

John called out, clear and loud.

Then Jesus asked to be baptised

but John did not agree,

'if anyone should baptise, here,

Then you should baptise me!'

Fill in all the valleys,

KNOCK the mountains *down*

Straighten out the highways,

God is coming to town.

'It's, what God wants,' said Jesus.

'A good thing, says my father'.

So, John did just as Jesus asked.

And when he left the water,

The Holy Spirit like a dove

Appeared on Jesus' head.

'Here is my beloved son',

God's voice, from heaven, said.

Fill in all the valleys,

KNOCK the mountains *down*

Straighten out the highways,

God is coming to town.

Video

For older Children

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGMCA_aUY4c

for younger Children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= VMNO2MAmwA>

Another Story that you may have at home is:- **You are very Special** by Sue Box

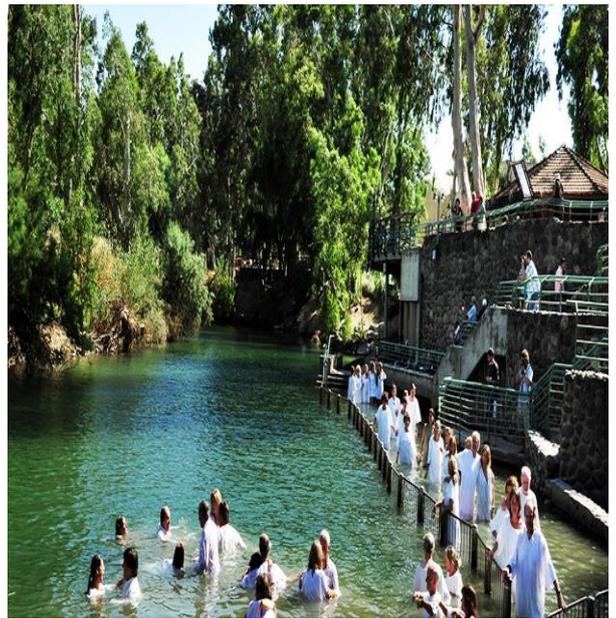
This book explains how special we are because we are Unique, there is no one like you.

Jesus was baptised in the river Jordan.

This is a picture of people being baptised in the River Jordan just like Jesus.

Jesus was baptised by his cousin John. John lived in the wilderness and told people about the one who would follow him and that people needed to get ready.

Jesus was already grown up when he was baptised.



Today we baptise Children in a font in Church. I wonder if you know where you were Christened. I wonder if you could ask your Mum or Dad about that day.

I wonder if you know who baptised you in the Church.

Today Children have godparents, they are people who promise to care for you and teach you about God. I wonder if you know who your Godparent are. If not ask Mum and Dad to tell you.



Jesus was Baptised when he was grown up. It was just before he started his ministry.

His ministry was when he started to tell people about God's message and what he wanted everyone to do.

When he was baptised he went into the wilderness to pray and to start to think about the Job that God had given him to do. You can learn about God and Jesus when you attend Sunday Club or when you are doing your Sunday Club at home. Your Mum and Dad and your Godparents, can also teach you about Jesus and bring you to Church.





When you were baptised during your Christening most of you will have received a Candle to remind us that we have passed from darkness to light and that Jesus is the Light of the world. I wonder if you know where your candle is, ask Mum or Dad and see if they know. You could light your candle and say a prayer.

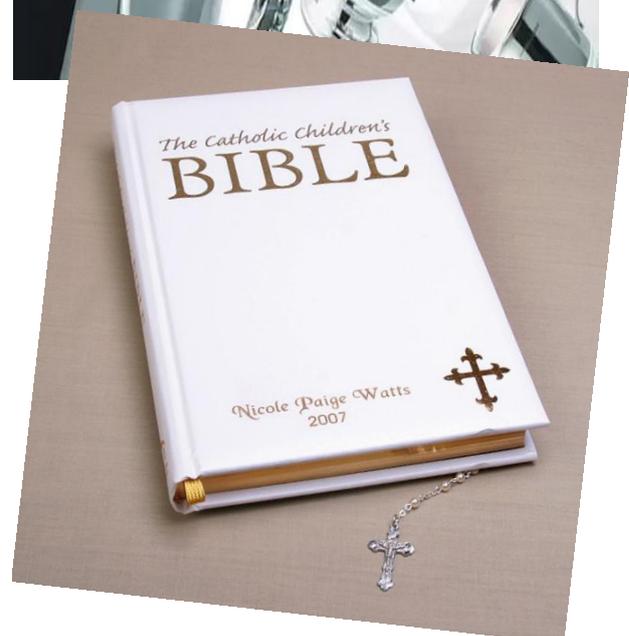
Most people who are Christened /baptised will receive gifts from their Godparents and other relatives.

The gifts we receive when we are Christened /baptised are special.

We also receive a Gift from God that we cannot see but can feel.

This Gift is called the Holy Spirit, when Jesus received the Holy spirit, they say a dove came down above his head.

The Holy Spirit is that special feeling in your tummy when you know that you are special and loved by someone special



Songs

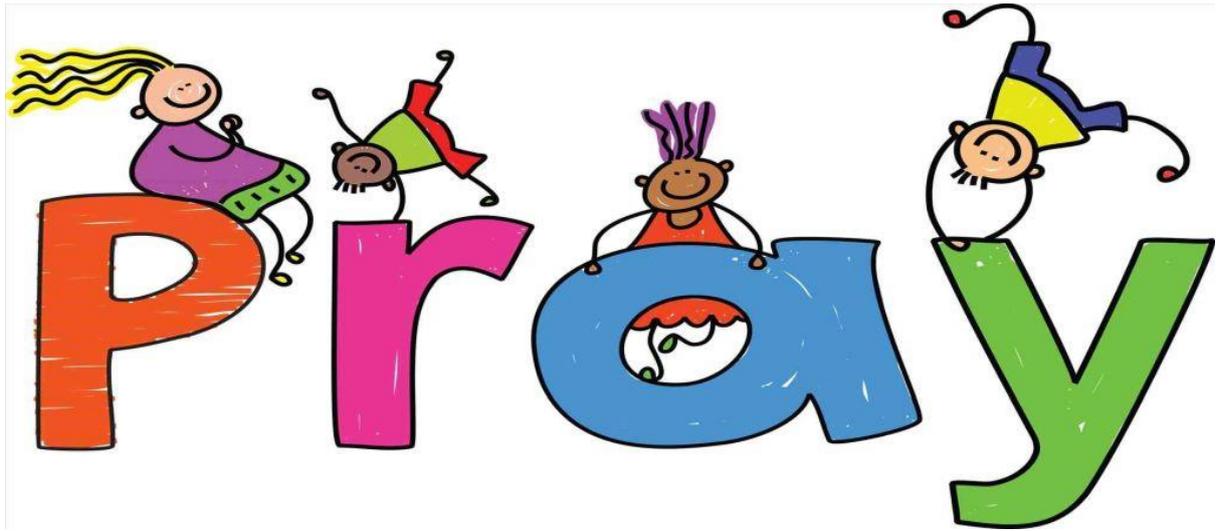
Our God is a great big God

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If I were a Butterfly

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Activities Prayer

You will need

a Bowl of Water

some pebbles or Stones

What to do

sit quietly with the bowl of water in the middle of circle or on a table if that is safer.

Then think of something that you want to say Sorry for and let a pebble drop in the bowl.

Then something you want to be thankful for.

Then someone you want to pray for who is sick

Then a friend

Your parents/Grandparents

Then something you are hoping for.

Each time dropping a pebble in the water.



Then you can watch this blessing being done by Children.

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Activities

A Christening for Dolls or Teddys

You will need

A Bowl

Water

A Shell/ something to scoop some water up with.

If you want to pretend to be a vicar you may want to make a paper collar like your Vicar wears (Details below)

A Doll or Teddy

What to do.

First Get your parents to put a small amount of water in the bowl.

Then if you want to wear a collar follow these instructions

You will need

Get a piece of paper

A stapler or paper clip

Scissors

What to do

Cut a slim width of paper along the longest side of the paper.

Then measure the length around your neck and cut off the extra length then use a stapler or paper clip to hold it together.

Then say a favourite pray over the water (just like the Vicar does)

Then pick a special name for your doll or Teddy

Then take the Doll or Teddy hold them carefully and hold their head over the bowl- now using something to scoop the water out of the bowl let the water pour over their forehead and say these special word (teddy or dolls special name) then say I name this Doll/TeddyIn the name of the Father, In the name of the Son and in the name of the Holy Spirit each time putting a small amount of water on the doll or Teddys forehead.

That is just like the Baptism that you had when you were a baby.

Craft

Hand Dove

You will Need

White Paper/ Card

Colouring Pencils

Glue

Ice Lolly Sheet

Scissors

Sticky tape

What to Do

Place you hand on the white paper.

Then draw round your hand.

Then Cut the hand out.

If you have drawn on paper glue to another piece of paper.

Then cut it out again (This is to give the paper strength)

If you have drawn your hand on a piece of card then you don't need to do the previous step, as yours will be strong enough.

Then use your colouring pencil to make a beak and put eyes on the dove.

You can also use the pieces of paper left to make a wing for the bird.

Then turn the bird over and tape the stick on the back of the bird.

The dove is a symbol of many things, peace, the Holy Spirit, the Bird who found life on land after the floods.

Craft

Shell

What you need

Colouring Pencils

Something to make a hole

Ribbon or string

Scissors

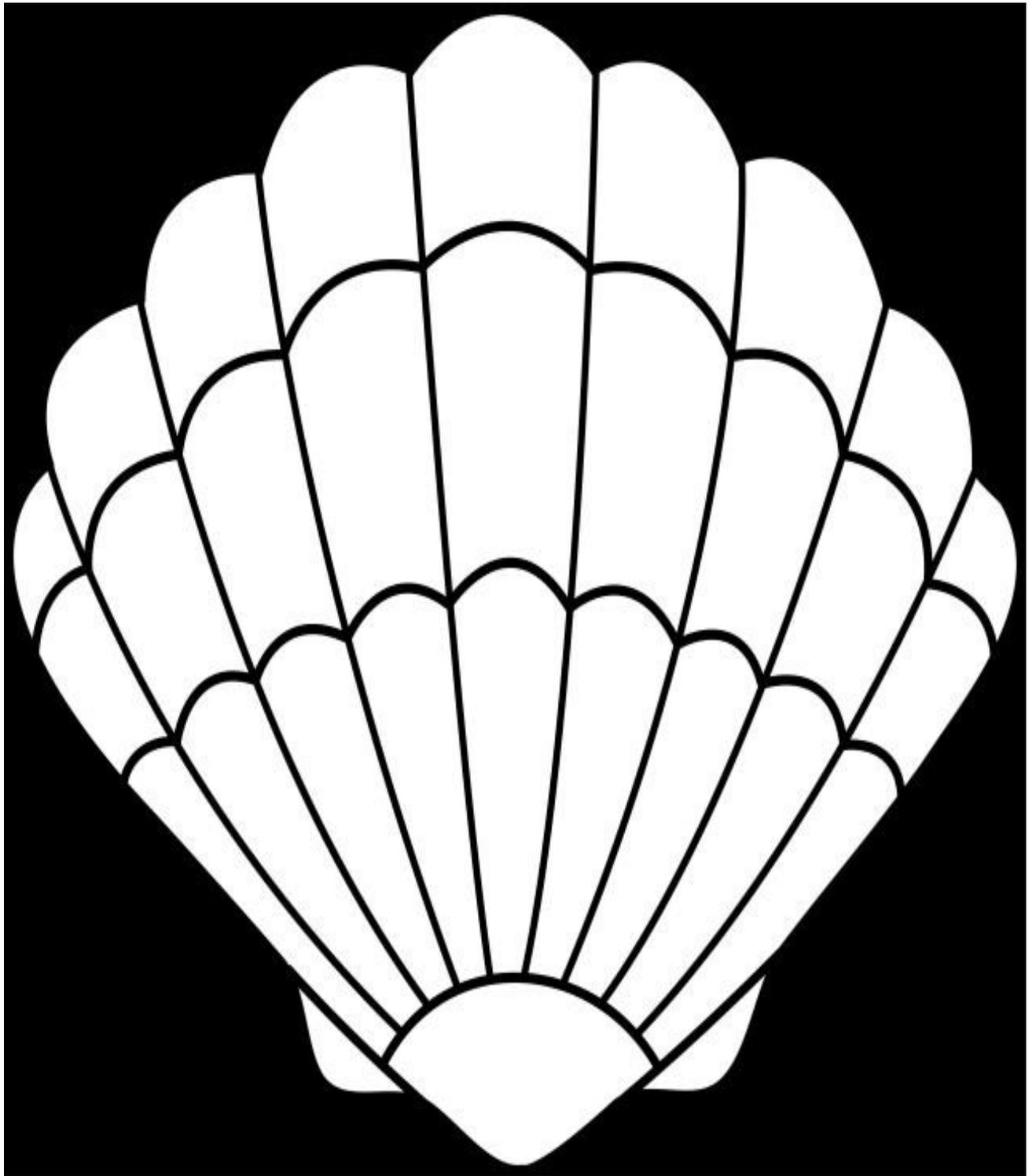
What to do

Below is a picture for you to print out.

Use your colouring pencils to colour in the shell (make it nice and colourful).

Then cut the shell out and make a hole in the top of the shell and then put your ribbon or string through the hole.

You may want to hang it up in your bedroom.



Hope you have fun exploring Baptism.
See you soon.



