



January 7, 2024, Baptism of the Lord

Mark 1:4-11

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of new life, in the waters of baptism you claimed your son, Jesus Christ. Raise us new each day and claim us as your beloved children, that we might carry your life-transforming love into the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mark 1:8)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

In the waters of baptism, we find God. The Holy Spirit is drawing you here, prepared to dwell in you forever. "You are the beloved child of God," the waters cry to Jesus, and through him, to us also.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Has the world ever confused a prophet (or assistant) for the actual leader? How did it impact the group?
- Do you know the story of your baptism? Can you remember it? Who was there? Was it a mystical experience, or was it pointing the way for something more?
- For the littles: Have your family tell you about your baptism, or talk about when it will happen!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

You are filled with the Holy Spirit and loved forever. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Remind yourself of the blessedness of your baptism. Every time you wash hands, dishes, or take a bath with clean water, make the sign of the cross on your forehead to remember you are baptized with the Holy Spirit.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Genesis 17:1-13; Romans 4:1-12
Tuesday, Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Exodus 30:22-38; Acts 22:2-16
Wednesday, Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Isaiah 41:14-20; John 1:29-34
Thursday, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:6-15; 2 Corinthians 10:1-11
Friday, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:16-23; Acts 13:16-25
Saturday, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 2:21-25; Matthew 25:1-13