

# Gospel Activity for The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John the Baptist. After Jesus was baptized he came out of the water and the sky opened and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and hover over him. With that a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11). This feast is dedicated to the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Jesus was an adult when his cousin John baptized him in the Jordan River. The Baptism of Jesus marked the beginning of his public ministry.

## As a family prayer together:

Just as Jesus was baptized with water into the family of God by his cousin John, we too have been baptized with water into our community of faith. Today we are grateful for the new life we have in Jesus through our baptism. Help us to live every day as children of God. Amen.

## Activity: Shell Remembrances

The scalloped seashell is one of the symbols of baptism.

Write the name of each family member on the seashell with the date of their baptism.

Cut out the seashell. Color if you like.

Hang it on the family bulletin board or refrigerator to remember and celebrate these important dates...Children love to celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas. And they love to celebrate their birthdays, the day they were physically born. Equally important is helping them treasure their Baptism birthdays, the day they were spiritually born as God's children, and reminding them of all the blessings they receive from being in His family.

## Family Baptism Seashell



